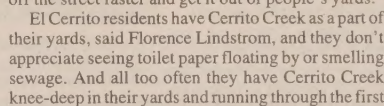


The University Village Recreation Program is inviting applicants from the community-at-large for a basketball camp exclusively for girls age 11 to 13, offered August 4 to 8, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$75. Details: 524-4926.

Around 25 years ago the city of El Cerrito decided to tear down several houses and make Creekside Park. They also decided to dam up the creek at Belmont Avenue and create a lake. The dam is still visible, and the residents say it is serving as an additional obstacle to the already slow flow of water.



ALBANY — Some four weeks into a city-sponsored sewer rehabilitation project conducted on and around her property, Santa Fe Avenue resident Dorothy Minnich walked out her front door, asked a group of construction workers where they

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The purpose of the meetings is to develop a plan for Del Norte development that reflects neighborhood, community, and marketplace concerns. The task force that developed the community planning process is chaired by City Councilmember Mark Friedman and includes representatives of residents, mer-

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For more information on the Del Norte Community Planning Process, contact City Planner Ed Phillips at 215-4300.

■ Mayor's Desk

Update on Plaza redevelopment

By Norma Jellison
El Cerrito Mayor

On my travels about town and at the Plaza Farmers Market, a number of people have asked me why nothing seems to be happening at the Plaza. When I explained the process underway and other intervening issues, the response was "I had no idea. I think you should let people know about these things." As a result, this column will give an update on a number of actions in progress that will hopefully result in some activity to improve the Plaza, in the near future.

How we got where we are

First, a bit of history may be useful. The Plaza was developed in the '60s and was, no doubt, at that time, a fine addition to the area's retail shopping choices. In the ensuing 30 years, it could not hold its own in the changing retail environment. The key problem was the lack of a single owner. There have always been three major owners of the Plaza Capwells, succeeded by Emporium, Longs and an owner, that has changed several times, of the smaller shops. In addition, there is the owner of the gasoline station in the corner of the property on Fairmount Avenue. The lack of a single owner resulted in no comprehensive approach to marketing the center and little incentive for the three major owners to cooperate. In fact, on a number of occasions, the largest owner vetoed proposals to add another major department store and to enhance the center with facade improvements. Another problem was the changing ownership of the small shops. Each time an agreement was reached to undertake a facade improvement project, the smaller shops were sold, and we'd be back at Square One with a new owner not wanting to spend money on the newly purchased property.

A similar situation exists today. The city does not own any property at the Plaza. Thus, the four current owners bear full responsibility for what does and does not happen there. The city and the Redevelopment Agency can encourage and cooperate to assist any revitalization efforts, but without the cooperation of the owners nothing can or will happen, to change the face of the Plaza.

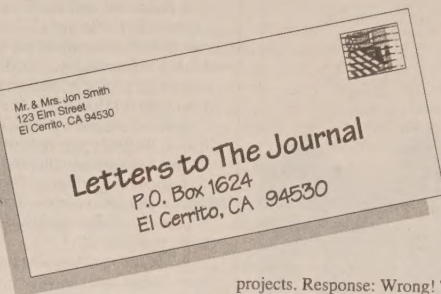
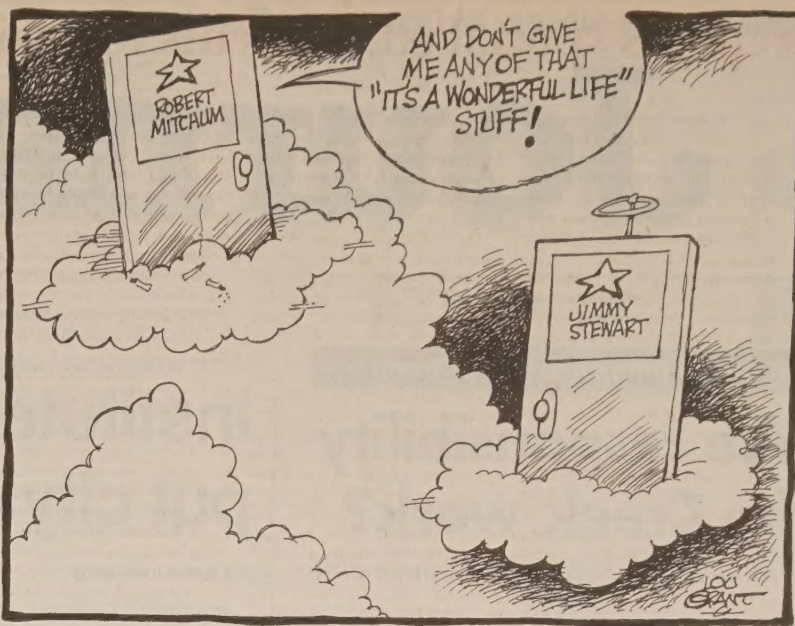
The Emporium building was put up for sale, shortly after the store closed. The mayor and Redevelopment Agency chair wrote to every major retailer in the country seeking a replacement department store. The response that came back cited either no interest in coming into Macy's territory or no interest in coming to El Cerrito, given the close proximity of retail shopping centers in Emeryville and Hilltop. The City could not get the owners of the Emporium building to respond to our inquiries about purchasing the building, nor was the current owner of the smaller shops able to reach an agreement on price to purchase the building.

El Cerrito Plaza is as close as it comes to a downtown in El Cerrito. The ongoing lament over the years from residents and shoppers alike has been "when is the Plaza going to be fixed up? When is it going to be the kind of gathering and shopping place El Cerrito deserves?" These sentiments, along with the situation facing the Plaza with the closure of the Emporium and increased vacancies, and the resulting difficulties attracting shoppers in today's competitive retail market led the City Council, early in the spring of 1996, to initiate a process to revitalize and redevelop the Plaza.

Following a number of community participation meetings where people gathered to envision a revitalized center, a solicitation for development proposals went out in the summer of 1996, asking for proposals responsive to the concept plan developed in the public participation process. After reviewing the seven proposals received, the City Council, in January of this year, selected Wilton/Terranomics to redevelop and revitalize the Plaza. Their proposal, fine-tuned again in a number of meetings with the public in February and March of this year, is for a retail center with major retail anchor stores, smaller specialty shops and restaurants, and market-rate condominiums. The new center will overlay streets on the Plaza site with a plaza/greenspace in the center, creating the feeling of a downtown. The plan includes retaining and upgrading some of the existing small shops, Longs and adding new buildings, including a new, larger and relocated Lucky.

An additional part of the revitalization is restoration of Cerrito Creek, which forms the southern boundary of the Plaza, the City and the County. A garage, funded in part from Measure C—the half-cent sales tax monies earmarked for transportation projects, will also be a part of the development and will be located in the northeast section of the site across the street from BART. An agreement will be worked out with BART to

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The dream collectors

Editor:

As anyone who attended the community planning workshop on Saturday — led by students from the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture (POWIA) — can attest, we do not want for enthusiasm and good ideas in this town. As one of the POWIA instructors observed, whatever problems we may have in El Cerrito, apathy is not among them. I couldn't help being impressed by the wealth of knowledge and creativity, and the depth of civic pride and connectedness, shown by community members and city staff and council members who participated in the Saturday workshop and the evening lecture and panel presentation that preceded it. With so much going for us, how can we not find our way to a better future?

I hope everyone will be at the Fairmount School on Friday, Aug. 8 (6:30 p.m.), to see what sorts of designs the students will suggest for San Pablo Avenue and El Cerrito. I'm sure they'll have some great drawings to show us — because I was there to hear some of the great ideas my neighbors brought to the planning tables. If only a few of those dreams could come true, we'd be the envy of the left coast.

Yes, I know we face an uphill battle, living as we are under the shadow of Prop. 13, and steering into devolution, and Prop. 218 (whatever that's about), and probably some other props I haven't paid prop(er) attention to.

And yes, I know our coffers aren't exactly brimming with gold. But that should not deter us from giving it all we've got, which is a considerable amount, and trying to turn some of those good ideas out there into reality.

If we work hard enough at it, we should be able to invite the POWIA students and faculty back to El Cerrito five years from now, and show them that we are well on our way to realizing some of those dreams they collected from us this week. At least, we ought to be able to buy them a great cup of coffee (grown in the shade, of course).

Lori Dair
El Cerrito

Redevelopment and the city budget

Editor:

Art Schroeder's paean of praise to El Cerrito's Redevelopment Agency (Journal, 7/17) has so many erroneous statements that it's hard to know where to start in response. I write in the hope that this will be read and will provide a true state of affairs to the reader.

Schroeder: The RA does not take money from the City's general fund. Response: Does he think the money appears out of the blue? Since its start in 1977, the R.A. has received, and spent, nearly \$17 million. Of this, about \$4 million would have come to the general fund without the R.A. Schroeder: Tax increments go to the R.A. only after it completes

projects. Response: Wrong! The R.A. began collecting tax increments in 1977. Its first major project was the Target store, completed in 1992. The R.A. only needs to have debt to get tax increments, which are the difference between present assessed values and those in 1977 in the R.A.'s Project area. Currently, only some 12 percent of these tax increments come from actual R.A. projects!

Schroeder: The R.A. has paid the City the "back-charge" for staff services. (He then blames a State "grab of funds to balance its budget" for why it does not pay???) Response: He needs to look at the R.A.'s report to the State Controller. It shows that the R.A. owes the City \$1 million right now. This means that El Cerrito taxpayers have and are subsidizing the Agency with funds that then cannot be used for basic services. It was the passage of Assembly Bill 1290 in 1993 that led to the R.A. having to send back money to other agencies like the schools, County, etc., not to help the State balance its budget but to reduce the need for these other agencies to raise taxes. Nothing comes to the City.

Schroeder: The City general fund benefits from R.A. projects like the Target store. Response: Wrong! The data show that sales taxes to the City were slightly less after the Target store opened than just before it was begun. Sales taxes depend mainly on inflation and the state of the economy, not any individual new project.

Schroeder: The Target tax increment of \$81,000 pays for the development. Response: Wrong! The increment began at \$75,000, not \$81,000. It is now down to \$70,000 due to a reassessment. This fails to meet the R.A.'s debt service for the project by a very large margin. The deficit will be some \$12 million over time, so there will never be any net benefit to the City. That's our money, Mr. Schroeder!

It would be really nice if proponents of the R.A. would get their facts straight.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Satire is lost on humorless

Editor:

A recent letter by Norman La Force is being distributed to his backers soliciting letters of support. It contains a copy of a letter from our daughter, who is now working overseas. Victoria and Mike own a house close to Del Norte. They worry the area could be degraded by the megatheater. Like all residents should, they got involved in city politics to work for a better project.

Victoria was shocked at how the public is often treated with disrespect at council meetings. She published a letter, "...aren't they supposed to listen to us? Why did they stop the TV coverage?" Victoria was then viciously attacked in the press,

possibly to shut her up. She responded with a very funny letter. Rather than telling the writers to get lost, she suggested they may be happier in Albania, or Kensington!

Victoria's letter is now being spread all over town as "an example of how awful THESE people are" by Councilmember La Force. We are amazed at Mr. La Force's inability to recognize satire. Anyone who thinks she was seriously suggesting people leave town has no sense of humor. Victoria's letter, The Journal, April 24, speaks for itself. Please republish it if you have space. All in all, we would much prefer to deal with real issues, rather than with such nonsense.

Peter Loubal
El Cerrito

Childcare and educational opportunity

Editor:

As a long-time supporter of the California Community College System, I write to remind you of the critical role of the Community College System in providing upward mobility for its students.

In the wake of the movement for welfare reform, I urge the board to consider the critical role of childcare in the enrollment and successful completion of programs to move welfare moms and dads into decent paying jobs with career potential.

If the Peralta Colleges are to meet the demands posed by welfare reform successfully, students must have access to affordable, quality child care on-site. The hours of coverage need to be extended, so that students' choices of classes are not restricted. Childcare must be available year-round, so students can continue to work on their educational programs over the summer. Most importantly, there must be an advisory group of student parents, to ensure that childcare programs serve the needs of moms and dads making the transition from welfare to work.

Your investment in quality, affordable, available childcare is crucial to the success of educating people for jobs. I wish you the very best in your efforts to support the childcare programs in meeting the needs of our transition students and their children.

Lucy W. Sells

■ Viewpoint

Let's fix the Redevelopment me

By Thom Stark

It's clear to me that the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency has completely lost the confidence and support of many of this city's residents. There are many causes for this state of affairs and it's entirely too easy to point fingers and place the blame.

I'm more interested in solving the problem.

I believe we have an opportunity to fix what is wrong with Redevelopment in El Cerrito and, in the process, to reverse the deterioration of public trust in the Agency's management. Here's what I think we must do:

Full disclosure

The Agency has a history of providing incomplete, contradictory and often downright incorrect financial information to the public. For instance, it is often (and, in my view, rightly) criticized for failing to take sales tax losses as well as gains into account when calculating the benefits of proposed and existing projects.

As an example, the PDG development proposed for the North end of town will include a Staples office supply store. That store's sales will undoubtedly hurt sales at Maxwell's Office Supply, Target, Longs Drugs and Payless, reducing existing sales tax revenue from each of those stores. Thus, the increase in sales tax expected from the new Staples will be partially offset by a reduction in sales tax from Maxwell's, Target and so on. The Agency's financial analysis doesn't take this offset into account. The same problem exists with the Agency's analysis of every other project for which it has provided financing, including the Target store (which is listed as bringing in over \$250,000 per year in new sales taxes, but which has undoubtedly hurt sales — thus reducing sales tax income — at competing stores in town. Competition from Target may even have driven some of its competitors out of business entirely.)

The Agency's current financial analysis of its cost for the PDG development does not include its legal costs. These could easily exceed \$200,000, (the Agency has already lost one lawsuit over the PDG project — it tried to refuse to give Pet Food Express a refund on its deposit and was ordered to pay both that deposit and Pet Food Express' court costs — and will almost unquestionably face at least one more), but not one dollar of those costs is accounted for in the latest budget for the project.

There are other examples of the Agency's inability to adequately account for its own finances. One such instance occurred when Gerry Raycraft, who was Acting Agency Manager at the time, presented the Redevelopment Agency's finances to the 1996 Citizens Task Force on Services and Finance, the numbers in the columns of his spreadsheet simply didn't add up to the numbers on the bottom line. When this was pointed out to him; he brought in a revised spreadsheet the following week. Although the bottom-line figures on the new spreadsheet were different from those of the first week, they still didn't add up correctly. The third week, he gave up, deleted the bottom line figures and invited the Task Force to do its own addition. That kind of behavior inspires no confidence in the Agency's numbers.

In my view, the only solution to this problem is to contract with an outside accounting firm to do three things:

• Conduct a top to bottom audit of the Agency's past, present and projected future finances, taking ALL factors into consideration, including legal costs, sales tax losses and direct and indirect developer subsidies. Unlike the way in which the Agency's annual audit is conducted, this contractor would be required to stand behind not only the methodology of its audit, but also the actual

numbers on which it is based. The Agency's regular auditor disclaims all responsibility for the accuracy of the numbers which its audit is based. In the computer industry, this is referred to as "garbage in, garbage out."

• Based on the results of the audit, conduct an exhaustive financial analysis of the Agency's past, projected future projects, and finances.

• Write and present a report of findings that can be read and understood by ordinary citizens requiring them to have an accounting to make it credible. (That's a tall order, I'm confident that it's doable.)

That report would be made available to member of the public who would read it, with copies at City Library, the Community Center, the Senior Center, and in a complete. No omissions, no shortcuts, and no attempt to under the cover of "confidentiality."

In order to remove any possibility of criticism, the request for this contract should stipulate that whichever auditor is chosen is totally ineligible for any City or Agency contracts for more than 4 years after its report is accepted and accepted (that's the Councilmember's term).

That should eliminate the possibility that the contractor is too close to the Agency to be an auditor's report isn't easily by non-accountants, we could hold payment until it has been (at the auditing firm's expense) course.)

I'm confident that this will allow future debates on the Agency's finances to be based on the facts that all parties to the debate can agree are complete and accurate. Without it, there are factions in the City that will never believe the Agency's financial disclosures are accurate and complete.

Admit past mistakes

Past Agency Boards have some serious errors of judgment. For example, in the late '80s, the Agency embarked on a "land banking" spree, buying six parcels of future development (even though the Agency had no particular development projects in mind) at top dollar prices in the California commercial real estate market. The California commercial real estate market collapsed and land prices plunged. The Agency got stuck with premium prices for the parcels of land, even though the value of those lots had plummeted percent. (The PDG development is a prime example of this mistake. The Agency paid approximately \$1 million for the land they are now selling to PDG for around \$2 million.)

Likewise, when the Agency demmed the land upon which the Target store was eventually built, it got itself to relocate, at its expense, the residents of the parks it displaced in the process. The Agency counted on being able to place the trailer park residents of the City of San Pablo. When San Pablo adopted a moratorium on the sale of existing trailer parks, the Agency got stuck with its obligation and wound up spending double what it had budgeted to relocate the displaced trailer park residents.

More recently, the Agency nearly two years (and an enormous number of other opportunities) Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) with Owell Properties for a Del Norte BART Station. The project is to be anchored by a 24-screen movie theater, despite very close

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New county report looks at hazardous materials incidents

MARTINEZ — A report issued this week by the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Division says there is "no apparent trend" in the frequency of hazardous materials incidents in the county.

The report says there were 2,201 hazardous materials reports in the county between 1989 and 1996.

Of that total, 2,008 were "notifications," which are less serious events. 139 were "incidents" involving the release or threatened release of hazardous materials, and 44 were "complaints," which is information received by the county, usually from a private party, that involves past activities.

Those activities may violate the hazardous materials handling, storage, processing and removal laws.

The report says, "Conventional statistical analysis of the data suggests that the relationship between the number of incidents and the years over which they occurred shows no apparent trend, i.e., the total number of incidents appear to be neither increasing nor decreasing over time."

The report says that outside of Los Angeles County, Contra Costa County is home to the largest number of major industrial facilities in California, as it is located on the northeastern edge of the San Francisco Bay and is ideally situated for heavy industry.

The report will be presented to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in the near future.

Program prepares special ed. students for working world

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY — Entering the work world — dealing with the politics, trying to understand the expectations of your supervisors, learning how to interact with your coworkers — proves difficult even for the most well-prepared.

Entering the work world is especially difficult for the developmentally disabled, and at Albany Middle School some teachers are starting early, running a vocational training program for special education students with the help of some caring local businesses.

Special education students are bound to have some difficulty wending their way through the complicated world of employment, especially when they are left to do so in one large, looming leap, right after high school or college.

The U.S. job climate is constantly shifting and is increasingly competitive, skilled and specialized. Industry expectations constantly up the ante so that almost everyone, no matter how advantaged, feels deprived of a head start. In this climate, programs designed to give the less advantaged that necessary head start are increasingly important.

Easing students in

The vocational program at Albany Middle School, which has been enrolling students for five years now, gives these special education students a head start, allowing them to take little steps toward understanding the world of employment, rather than leaving them to

make one large leap by themselves. Local businesses help facilitate these little steps by taking these students on, training them, and teaching them how to work, without pay but with precious patience.

Teachers aides, like training wheels, provide stability as the students enter work and, when the students feel comfortable with and balanced in their situation, disappear, leaving the student to work on his or her own.

It is the last week in the 4-1/2-week summer vocational training program at Albany Middle School. Entering the Albany Middle school classroom at 8:45 a.m., around 25 students are reading the newspaper, just like much of the rest of the U.S. working population. These students, however, are asked to write down something they learned from the newspaper and turn it in. The students then continue on to their job sites, with or without a teachers aid, depending on their level of autonomy.

Resource specialist Alexia Ritchie and high school teacher Anne Bosche explain the skills the students acquire in the classroom, before they are released to their job site. Today, because it is the end of the program, the classroom feels more like a large sunny kitchen with the students calmly reading, waiting for the moment when they must go to work.

When the students were less accustomed to work, Alexia says, they would discuss appropriate job behavior, how to read social cues and how to ask for help. The students should not feel ashamed or embarrassed to say they not understand, teachers explained. They discuss what clothes the students should wear for what job, the importance of being on time and of working consistently, what type of language to use, how to call in sick, and so on.

On a progress report, the students write down their goals for the week. One student who is staring at the blackboard trying to think of a second goal, has written as his first goal, "Getting enough sleep." Sometimes a teachers aid, who accompanies the student to their job

site, will point a student in the direction of a goal, something they see the student lacking or needing to improve on. The students are then evaluated by whether they meet their goals.

On Fridays, the students do not attend their job sites. Instead, a behavior specialist comes in and the students engage in group discussions, usually rotating around hypothetical, situational dilemmas such as "What would you do if you saw one of your coworkers do something illegal?" or "What would you do if your boss yelled at you?" Alexia Ritchie explains that many special education students excel at this experiential learning in a way they never excelled in regular school academics. Therefore, this work experience results in an increase of self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment that can make a crucial difference in a student's life.

"Some of these students, when they come here, are up against a wall. They may work and work on an assignment, but when they turn it in, they don't get a good grade. In the summer, though, they get away from the academics they so frequently get shot down for, and in a work situation, if they come up against a wall, we address it, and they get over it. And everyone walks away feeling they got an 'A,'" says Alexia Ritchie.

The students can then use the job on a future resume and use their site supervisor as a reference. Anne Bosche, an Albany High School teacher and one of the spearheads of the vocational program along with Marie Souza, says one of the program's main focuses is transition. The program seeks to provide these students with a concrete visual of where they might go. "If they are working with animals, they might remember that and follow it as a goal," said Bosche.

Real world application

There is also a similar program at the high school, the Summer Youth Employment program, which is less sheltered than the middle school program, is full-time instead of half-time, and offers minimum wage.

Bosche says that several students who went through both programs have now graduated from high school and have been fully employed at their old job sites. One student who worked at Skates Restaurant one summer has now graduated and is working there full time. Another student graduated, became a teachers aid in the vocational Middle School training program, and is now preparing to go to college.

Boche noted the lack of a parallel program for non-special education students, saying, "People out in the community are waiting for this kind of thing, there are such untapped resources out there." After visiting the pre-work classroom, The Journal visited several job sites.

At Westbrae Nursery, two students, Marc and Sasha, sweep the leaves and dirt up from the nursery grounds as well as water the many plants.

The special education teachers at the middle school decided that Marc and Sasha would benefit from public transportation skills, so they bought them bus tickets. The week the Journal visited Marc and Sasha was the first week they had gone to work on the bus by themselves.

At Supercuts, Natalie works the cash register, writes receipts and takes inventory. Natalie says she is now interested in becoming a hairdresser. As she sits behind the cash register, obviously quite at home, her supervisor emerges. Judging by their interaction, Natalie is greatly appreciated and, just as importantly, she knows it.

Mellisa, another special ed student, works at the Royal Cafe where she was busy filling sugar shakers. Both she and her teachers aide, Eve, emerged from the kitchen. When asked why she likes working at the Royal Cafe, Mellisa said "Because I get free hamburgers for lunch." Alexia stressed the importance of community in this endeavor. These host businesses are giving an amazing, irreplaceable gift.

"You can't just dump special education students in institutions, or in front of a T.V., or even in a sheltered workshop. We are providing them with another option, letting them know they have a choice," Alexia said.

(Organizers want to offer a special thanks to those businesses involved in the vocational program: Berkeley Animal Shelter, Ten Speed Press, CSAA-Berkeley, Westbrae Nursery, Oakland SPCA, Cal Fed, Skates, Supercuts, Video Production, World Gym, Shields Nursing Hospital, Marriott and Royal Cafe.)

Clarification

The July 24, Journal featured an article entitled: "Realtors have mixed views on Plaza housing." The article explained a redevelopment agency's legal obligation to assist in the production of housing affordable to low and moderate income households, implying that the housing proposed to be included within the El Cerrito Plaza Revitalization Project would help meet this obligation.

While housing is being proposed for the site, no low- or moderate-income housing is proposed. All of the housing, both the roughly 50 townhomes and 155 apartment/condominium units, will be market-rate housing.

As stated in the article, redevelopment agencies are required by California Redevelopment Law to set aside 20 percent of their tax increment revenues for low- and moderate-income housing. However, this "set-aside" is required on an aggregate basis only. Over the life of a redevelopment plan, 20 percent of the entire amount of tax increment collected must be used for affordable housing purposes, but not necessarily 20 percent of the tax increment generated by each specific project. Likewise, not every housing development needs to include affordable housing. El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency Chair Jane Bartke points out that the Agency's participation in Rubicon Program's Idaho Apartments development, a 100 percent affordable housing project, allows the agency to forego affordable housing at the Plaza.

According to Bartke, El Cerrito's Agency is one of the few in the State that has spent, on average, more than 20 percent of tax increment revenues on affordable housing. And because the Agency has met its affordable housing obligation, it has chosen to provide market rate housing on the El Cerrito Plaza site.

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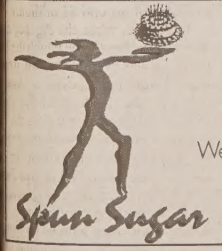
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Police Reports

Police seek suspect in sexual assaults

by Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — A clean-shaven black male, around 17-years-old, weighing about 140 pounds, has sexually assaulted three female residents who live around Santa Clara Ave. near Central Ave. He reportedly works on the front door or prows around to the rear of a residence. He engages his victims in a conversation and then grabs at their private parts. In one instance he told a female to take off her clothes, before he fled on foot. He has not hurt anyone, but he is becoming more aggressive. The victims range from ages 29-88 years old.

A '95 Ford Aerostar was reported stolen from the 900 block of Elm Street on June 18 at 7 a.m. An '87 Ford truck was reported stolen from the 5900 block of Gill on July 3 at 10 p.m. A stolen '94 Chevy Camaro was towed on July 9 from private property on the 11400 block of San Pablo and taken to the San Francisco Police Department for processing; the car owner was a resident of San Francisco. A '78 Olds Cutlass was reported stolen from the 11800 block of San Pablo on July 7 at 4 p.m.

Someone removed a bicycle from the bicycle rack of a car parked near an apartment carport on the 400 block of Liberty on July 9.

A homeless woman walked into Target on July 11 at 10:40, put \$644 worth of clothing in a shopping cart and rolled it out of the store without paying. She was arrested for grand theft. On July 10, a juvenile entered Target and left the store with items he had not paid for. He was charged with shoplifting. A Richmond male juvenile entered Target on July 10 at 10:10 p.m., and left the store without paying for merchandise in his possession. When store security tried to stop him he threatened them while reaching for an ax. He was charged with strong arm robbery.

Two men, pulled over on Blake and Liberty on July 13 at 4:50 p.m., were found to be under the influence of a drug, in possession of a metal club and burglary tools.

On the corner of Cutting and San Pablo on July 12, a Richmond woman, possibly suffering from a mental disorder, without provocation attacked another Richmond woman.

A juvenile attempted to leave the Plaza Lucky with an unpaid-for, concealed bottle of gin. He was arrested on July 10 at 5:30 p.m. for shoplifting.

A Hercules woman pulled over on Moeser and Richmond was found to be in possession of a controlled substance, which she would then not give up. She was arrested on July 14

at 5 p.m.

On July 10, an Oakland man was pulled over for a civic violation and found to be driving drunk on a suspended driver's license. On July 12 at 10:54 p.m., on San Pablo and Potrero, an Emeryville man was pulled over and found to be under the influence of alcohol or a drug. An El Cerrito woman was pulled over on San Pablo and Potrero for drunk driving on July 15 at 1:40 a.m.

There were three cases of domestic violence.

A young black male in a white baseball cap manhandled a woman in her apartment complex on the 3200 block of Santa Clara Avenue on July 14 at 3 p.m.

Ever since April of this year, a San Jose man has been forging an El Cerrito man's signature to obtain credit. He attempted to do it again, in order to buy computer equipment, but was finally caught.

On May 3, an Oakland female attempted to cash a counterfeit \$458 check at the Mechanics bank, but was caught. On July 15, a San Leandro woman attempted to cash a forged check at the Mechanics Bank.

On the 5500 block of MacDonald Avenue on July 4, someone entered a residence by unknown means and stole 200 compact discs.

On July 13, someone set on fire

the dry grass along the BART path, between Stockton and Lincoln. The fire was put out and the suspect was not caught.

On Potrero Avenue and Interstate 80 on July 14, an El Cerrito man was pulled over and found to be in possession of and under the influence of methamphetamine.

On July 16, a Richmond man was found to be in possession of cocaine and under the influence of the same when he was pulled over on the corner of San Pablo and Fairmount.

An El Cerrito resident's wood chipper was stolen from the driveway of his home on the 2100 block of Junction, between July 4 and 5.

Two Oakland males were caught stealing Tylenol from Lucky's on July 17. The same two men were caught, on the same day, stealing boxes of Advil, eye drops and Pepto-Bismol from Target.

On July 17, a man and woman from Washington state were pulled over and found to be in possession of stolen property and in the process of forging checks.

An '82 Renault had its front passenger window smashed on the north corner of the Plaza parking lot, between July 10 and 11.

On July 12 at 6 p.m., two un-

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Car takes trip to Oakland without its owner

by K. Osborne

ALBANY — On the night of July 21 a woman reported that her blue '87 Toyota Cressida was stolen while it was parked on Clay Street near the bowling alley. There were no witnesses. Oakland police reported finding the car which thieves had performed a minor strip on, but there was no major damage. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

On the morning of July 21 a church on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue reported that a man has been sleeping on the landing of the steps to the church and children were frightened when they attended Sunday school. They also reported finding excrement and soiled clothing in the area last week. They are requesting extra patrols in the area, especially during evening hours.

On the afternoon of July 21 the owner of a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway reported that over the weekend vandals had cut his fence.

On the afternoon of July 21 a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that his storage shed had been broken into between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on that day.

A resident on the 500 block of

Pierce Street reported that his purple mountain bike was stolen on the night of July 19. It was found on July 21 locked to a bike rack.

On the night of July 21 a resident on the 600 block of Jackson Street reported that the previous night his blue '85 Honda was broken into while it was parked in the carport. The vandals broke the rear window.

On the night of July 21 a resident on the 800 block of Kains Avenue reported that vandals had smashed the window of his tan '84 Honda while it was parked in front of his house.

A few minutes after midnight on July 22 Albany officers stopped a Berkeley woman who was walking two bicycles on the 100 block of Eastshore Highway. A check found the woman to be clear of warrants but one of the bikes was reported as stolen from out of Berkeley on July 4. She was arrested.

At about 3 a.m. on July 22 officers stopped a Berkeley man who was riding a bike in an erratic manner on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was found to be very intoxicated, arrested and cited to be released when sober.

On the morning of July 22 a resident on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue reported that vandals had broken the

window of his gray '80 Toyota Tercel while it was parked in front of his residence.

A resident on the 700 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that some type of projectile went through the window of her gray '85 Toyota between 10 p.m. and midnight on July 21.

On the afternoon of July 22 a resident on the 1100 block of Garfield Street reported that vandals had smashed the rear driver's side window of her gold '88 Chevy Nova during the morning hours.

On the afternoon of July 22 an Albany resident reported that while at Terrace Park her purse was stolen. She did not see who took it. At about 11 p.m. on July 22 Albany officers stopped a silver '79 Ford on Solano Avenue near Adams street for a traffic violation. They contacted a Santa Rosa man and an Oakland woman who both had various outstanding warrants from Alameda County. Both were arrested. The Oakland woman was cited and released with a Notice to Appear and the man was cited and transferred to the Alameda County Sheriff's office.

On the night of July 24 a resident on the 1200 block of Washington Avenue reported that vandals had broken the driver's side window of her maroon

'81 Honda Prelude.

Just after midnight on July 25 a resident on Washington Avenue near Pomona Avenue reported that vandals had smashed the left rear window of her gray and beige '94 Plymouth.

At about 11 a.m. on July 25 Albany officers responded to reports of a fight in progress at a local car wash on San Pablo Avenue. They found an El Sobrante man and a Vallejo man, whose argument about who was giving a ride home, had escalated to a physical fight. The El Sobrante man had been knocked unconscious and was transported to the hospital. The Vallejo man suffered minor injuries. No charges were made but the case was submitted to the District Attorney for evaluation.

A resident on the 1000 block of Curtis Street reported loud noise coming from the south end of Marin School at about 2:30 a.m. on July 27. Officers found an Oakland man who was very intoxicated and playing loud music. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

At about 2:40 a.m. on July 27 a resident reported that about 30 minutes before while her 17-year-old son was at the Taco Bell on San Pablo Avenue he had been beaten up by a

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Hills Newspapers welcomes associate publisher El Cerrito

Scott Little joins the Hills Newspapers this month, coming on board as associate publisher.

Little, a third-generation newspaperman, brings over two decades worth of experience to the job.

As associate publisher Little will be responsible for the operation of the entire newspaper group, reporting directly to publishers Chip and Mary Brown. The chain of papers covers most of the East Bay and includes The Montclairian, The Berkeley Voice, The Piedmonter, The Journal, The Alameda Journal and Family Fair.

"We are happy to have a man of Scott's ability and experience to help these newspapers continue to grow," said Chip Brown.

Little promises to continue the long tradition of in-depth community coverage that has made the family of Hills Newspapers an integral part of life in the East Bay.

"Chip and Mary Brown have built a very viable and successful group of community newspapers," Little said. "I am anxious to play a part in taking this newspaper group to the next level."

"The direction of this newspaper group has always been right on: local, local, local. We're going to continue along in that tradition and do it better."

Little comes to Hills from Au-

burn where he was publisher and president of the Auburn Journal Inc., a chain that included one daily and four weekly papers, covering the towns nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada.

News is in Little's blood, as both his father and grandfather were also newspapermen. And his son David, one of his four children, has carried on the tradition as editor of the Redding Record-Searchlight.

Born and raised in Chico, Scott Little began his career with his hometown paper, the Chico Enterprise-Record, followed by advertising sales positions in other Northern California newspapers.

In 1970 he was hired as the advertising manager for the Sacramento Union, where he stayed for six years. He then moved on to the North County Times in Oceanside, where he was eventually elevated to the post of general manager of the newspaper group of which the Times is part.

In 1990 he took a brief hiatus from the newspaper industry, launching his own executive recruiting firm. But he eventually returned to journalism, and was hired at the Auburn Journal in 1994.

Little believes that with the continued growth of the Internet and 24-hour television news, providing people with an array of options for



Scott Little comes to Oakland from Auburn.

Jeff Lindquist

world, national and state news, the future of news reporting will not rest in the hands of the large dailies.

Rather, Little believes, people will increasingly turn to community papers, which are better attuned to the triumphs and tragedies of the people in their neighborhoods.

"We are going to continue to evolve, because the future of news

is definitely in community newspapers."

Among the things that people can look for in the coming months is the debut of the Hills Newspapers website. The site, which is currently under construction and should come on line in the fall, will allow visitors to browse the Hills' classifieds and to read news stories.

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• On July 12 at 6 p.m., two unknown suspects walking on the BART path threw rocks toward an apartment complex, hitting an '87 Dodge Colt.

• A Vallejo man was reported to be driving up and down San Pablo, asking female pedestrians for directions, and then asking if they need a ride. The ECPD received four phone calls from three anonymous female pedestrians.

• An unknown suspect pried open the door to a residence on the 2000 block of Tapscott on July 13, ransacked the bedrooms and removed cash and jewelry.

• In the parking garage on the 1700 block of Lexington on July 13, someone removed the back window of a '87 Jeep Cherokee and stole a CD-case full of CDs. On the 800 block of Contra Costa Drive between July 12 and 13, someone punched out the door key lock of a '96 Honda Civic, in an unsuccessful attempt to steal the car. On the 1300 block of Arlington between July 12 and 13, someone unsuccessfully attempted to steal a '83 Honda Accord by punching out the door lock.

• On July 4 at 8:40 p.m., an intoxicated San Pablo man, while walking down San Pablo at Cutting, was approached by three young men. One of the men struck him in the face and fled with his wallet.

• On July 10, an unknown suspect

entered a residence on the 1300 of Rifle Range Road, ransacked bedrooms and stole jewelry and equipment.

• On July 10, a Richmond man walking from the Del Norte station to Target, was approached from behind by an unknown person who stuck an unknown object in his lower back, and demanded he let. The suspect fled with the object.

• Someone entered a warehouse locker in the storage area of a Drug Store and took \$550 in cash.

• A residence on the 8300 block of Buckingham Drive was burglarized on July 14, between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Someone entered a residence the 500 block of Seaview through an unlocked kitchen door, stole property and fled. Someone moved invalid checks from a garage on the 6800 block of Mawr Avenue on June 13. They were found to be cashed all in East Bay.

• Someone used a slim jim to enter a car parked on the 2500 block of Tamalpais between June 25 and 26. The suspect stole some cash.

• A '78 Chevy Caprice was stolen from the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot on July 15.

On San Pablo Ave. and San St. on July 4, two juveniles entered a residence and punched a Richmond man attempting to take his Walkman. The two juveniles were arrested for robbery.

Mayor

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The allow shopping center patrons to use the garage in the evenings and on the weekends.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the plan was released on May 16. That initiated a public review and comment period of 45 days. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the EIR on June 19. Responses to public comments received are currently being prepared and the City Council will hold a public hearing on and certify the Final EIR in early August.

At the same time, a Disposition and Development Agreement is being negotiated with the development team. The DDA will spell out the specifics of the project such as schedules, tenant types, phasing of construction to allow for existing tenants to remain in place as construction of new portions of the center proceeds, and financial considerations.

While the City has moved with all deliberateness to keep the process on track, hoping to ensure progress and some real activity on the horizon, a number of actions outside the City's control have impacted the timeline. For example, for a number of months, despite having selected a development team, with the express purpose of consolidating ownership to better able successful developing, marketing and managing of the entire Plaza, the ownership of the former Empo-

rium store remained up in the air. The owner, Federated Department Stores of Cincinnati, continued to stonewall the City and its developer teams. One of the other teams that proposed a plan to redevelop the Plaza held an option to purchase the building. If it had exercised the option, the entire process could have been stymied.

They subsequently assigned the option to Lucky. Still for months, the purchase remained in limbo. Finally, Lucky's parent, American Stores, purchased the building in early July. While the question of who would ultimately own the Emporium building was in limbo, the ongoing uncertainty about the ownership and how that would affect our ability to move forward with our plans, gave all of us some pause.

At the same time, the current owner of the small shops has continued to be less than cooperative. When this owner bought the property from the Resolution Trust Commission, which had seized the asset from the failed Columbia Savings and Loan, he told the City that he purchased the property as an investment and had no intention to develop it or improve it. In the years after purchase, he was true to his word and little changed at the Plaza. Only when the City went out with a request for proposal did he show any interest. Then, when not selected as the developer, rather than opt to cooperate, he signalled his in-

tent to oppose the City in every way possible. He has vowed to fight us every step of the way on this revitalization project.

So far, he has made good on the threat to oppose us by suing the city over the zoning overlay we placed on the site, making it consistent with the zoning overlay on the remainder of the commercial area in the southern part of the City surrounding the Plaza. The overlay allows the city to review proposals to change uses; or the types of businesses proposed to replace existing uses or types of businesses. He lost that lawsuit. Despite that, he is still considering appealing the court's decision.

Another lawsuit he may initiate to slow the process involves suing the City on the Environmental Impact Report. But the most contentious issue will revolve around the price for his property. Vacancies at the Plaza have increased. Some of the new vacancies, for example the loss of Toy Symphony and Weight Watchers, are a direct result of his unwillingness to grant any relief to tenants faced with reduced foot traffic once Emporium closed or to his insistence on asking for rent well above market rates. Despite such realities, a protracted fight over the value of his part of the property could prove a major impediment to moving forward.

Finally, a group of citizens has decided to oppose the housing pro-

posed for the Plaza in the area adjacent to the BART path and to the multi-family housing in Albany. This group has been gathering signatures at the Plaza Farmers Market. They have given false information, telling people that the housing will be low-income housing and will be high-rise housing. Neither claim is true.

While the City has a proud record of building affordable housing, this particular housing will be market rate housing. Moreover, the housing will not be high rise housing. Height limits in El Cerrito prohibit high rise housing like you may see in San Francisco. The housing is not designed yet, but will most likely be townhouses or apartments, similar to or of a smaller scale than what is adjacent to the Plaza in Albany to the south or north of Fairmount Avenue in El Cerrito.

Despite the potential obstacles that face us, the City remains optimistic and is moving forward with the vision created by our citizens back in 1996 — to create a dynamic shopping and living environment at the Plaza. When completed, the revitalization of the Plaza should create a downtown environment and put a "there" in El Cerrito. We are hopeful that construction activity will begin early in 1998 and that El Cerritos and our neighbors will enjoy shopping at the completely revitalized Plaza for Christmas 1999.

Albany

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group of teens that he knew. Her son did not want the police to take any action so only a report was taken.

• At about 5 a.m. on July 27 a resident on the 800 block of Jackson Street reported that a few minutes prior he had heard the motor of his maroon '92 Saturn running while it was parked on the street. When he checked it he found it was gone.

• At the request of the Police Chief the following list has been changed to more accurately report on the types of civil and domestic calls officers

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Disrupt

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unanimous, Minnich's comments were preceded by many from other residents. On Solano Avenue, where, among other things, crews tore whole limbs out of trees with a backhoe, destroyed sidewalks, and, in some cases, planted strips, and, in some cases, left many with the impression that their most valuable possession, their home, might end up in flames by the time the project was completed.

"You're on people's property. You're in their backyards. This is an intrusive work being done," said City Administrator Daren Ekern. As resident frustration seemed to be reaching critical mass. In response to the various complaints, city staff held an informational meeting attended by some two dozen area residents earlier this month, and made a brief presentation to the City Council last week at the request of council member Jon

Lines inconveniently placed. The project itself has been, at least for Albany, a massive affair, with \$6,000 worth of sewer work on city-owned main lines and privately-owned laterals on the normally quiet, residential streets of northeast Albany. According to Community Development Director Daren Ekern, the need for the project stems from a \$900,000 federal grant, received in 1988, which mandated the city reduce rainwater infiltration into sewer pipes in the area by 80 percent.

The original project, however, short of its goal, leaving the city with the option of either repaying the grant or undertaking a new project to further reduce infiltration.

tion. After testing residents' laterals and finding many in poor condition, Ekern said, it was decided that replacing the laterals would give the city the "most bang for its buck," and the City Council last year voted to move ahead with the project.

Ironically, though many residents were forced to pay between \$100 and \$2,500 out of their own pockets for new laterals, the work will leave them with little or no visible benefit. Rainwater infiltration does not cause problems so much with individual homes but rather results in massive sewer overflows, such as those experienced on Portland Avenue over the last three years, which cause environmental and health hazards when hundreds of thousands of gallons of raw sewage flood streets as the rain-swelled pipes reach their full capacity.

Replacing the various lines, however, has been no easy task. Some run under portions of residents' homes, while others run through their back yards. In the case of residents on Peralta, who have thus far seemed the most upset by the project, crews had to break through solid rock with a backhoe to lay pipes, taking portions of full-grown magnolia trees with them when the machinery they used would not fit on the street's narrow sidewalks.

"This community doesn't have a lot of experience dealing with major construction projects," said Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma in attempting to explain the waves of resident frustration which have arisen. At a meeting held earlier this month, some two dozen area residents, many of whom now have more experience with major construction than they might ever have desired or imagined possible, residents, staff, and a pair of city

council members got together to discuss various complaints which have stemmed by the work, leaving most with the impression that whatever catastrophe might have occurred would be mitigated to their satisfaction.

Fielding questions from what at first seemed a potentially hostile crowd, Ekern heard what are, by now, familiar complaints about the project: damaged trees and planting strips, and more than anything, fears that torn-out landscaping will not be replaced adequately. While the damage to the magnolia trees on Peralta may in many cases prove fatal as years pass, Ekern said the city would replace each tree with two or three new ones, which will take some time to grow to the size of those which were damaged.

"This was a lot more destructive than we anticipated," Ekern said, pointing to the rock the crew had to dig through as crews began working on Peralta. "If we know your address and your issue, we will take care of it. (The contractor doesn't) want to leave the place in a shambles. They want to leave with a good reputation. They'd like to make it right."

Though the relationship between workers and area residents has been a somewhat rocky one — one woman who lives in the project area, for example, seemed to run particularly afoul of a crew supervisor, saying he has "the manners of a wild duck" and comparing him to "20 miles of bad road." — the interaction did not prove entirely sour. At the meeting, Ray DeJong said the contractor did an "excellent job" on his property, and a number of residents heaped praise on Assistant Engineer Stephen Yee,

who has spent his days performing the unenviable task of allaying homeowners' concerns as the project moved through the neighborhood.

"You sent one person out with a bucket of water to put out a forest fire," said one woman.

Peralta Avenue resident Dan Salsbury was among those seconding the praise, extending it to Supervisor Mark Wilson from Nute Engineering and saying "both those guys are tremendous, as far as I'm concerned."

Ely, who said he visited Peralta when the complaints first surfaced and found the project to be "out of control," suggested each resident compose a "punch list" of items they would like replaced. Also, as crews tore into the earth to replace various lines, Ekern said, they discovered that a number of storm drains were improperly connected to residents' laterals and were promptly un-

hooked. In many cases, though, the disconnected pipes will not be visible above ground, meaning residents should pour water through their drains once work is completed to see where that water emerges.

"We quite frankly had a bad week and we're trying to recover from that," Ekern told the City Council the following Monday. "I think the issues have been resolved."

Mayor Good said he thought staff handled the situation well as they dealt with "occasionally hostile natives." Ely agreed, as did council member Elizabeth Baker, who said, "I thought city staff did a remarkable job."

By then, signs of recovery were also manifesting themselves around town. On Peralta, for example, crews had finished off their work with a smaller backhoe, and the sidewalk was already rebuilt. On Santa Fe, where Minnich said she

had been trying for some time to get her yard fixed, she drove to Kensington after calling *The Journal* and, when she returned, found a worker had scaled her fence and was fixing the things she complained of.

According to Ekern, such projects will, over the next 50 years or so, visit every neighborhood in Albany as the city attempts to shore up its aging, leaky sewers. Across the Bay Area, rainwater infiltration is a billion dollar problem, particularly in older cities such as Berkeley and Albany, where pipes can be many decades old.

The next residential project area has yet to be determined, Ekern said. Those who live, work and stroll on Solano Avenue will, however, get a chance to see sewer work for themselves early next year when crews replace pipes running down Albany's main pedestrian thoroughfare.

Creek

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floor of their houses, she added.

These Belmont residents say they also find Richmond culpable, because the culverts at Pierce Street, where the creek goes under the freeway, are clogged. Although, with a normal flow, the water makes it through fine, the Cerrito Creek neighbors say with an increase of rain water, these clogged culverts also work to back the creek up onto Belmont.

Joe and Roland Formica show a film of last January's flood, explaining that floods occurred twice last year, once in January and once in April. The camera pans from where the creek is supposed to be to where the creek is, flowing up through the streets, the water almost completely obscuring the tires of a car, and on into the first floor of the Formica residence.

The "slush slush" of the camera person serves as the soundtrack, as the camera pans over stacked furniture — lights precariously balanced on chairs, tenuously stacked on

tables, cats sitting calmly on the top of their furniture islands. As the camera pans over sandbags, Roland Formica said, "I leave the sand bags out all winter now."

After having her carpet professionally cleaned three times, Lindstrom said, the fourth time a flood soiled it, she finally just threw it out. She now has a bare wooden floor. She also got rid of a piano, because she would not be able to lift and move it in the event of a flood.

Although these Cerrito Creek neighbors realize floods are inevitable when living this close to a creek, they say the frequency of floods could be cut down if the cities would simply cooperate, clear out the vegetation, unclog the creek and culverts and remove the dam.

Joe Formica remembers a time 20 years ago when a bulldozer came in regularly to clear out the creek. "That was when we had gambling money," he said. His son adds, "Yeah, and that was when we could drink this water, and the water would really flow, and there were very few

floods." Walking up the creek, an El Cerrito maintenance worker, Bob Dangles, is putting a chemical on the stump of a freshly cut tree, killing it. He says it is not to aid the flow of the creek, but to open up the spot, so homeless vagrants seeking to bed down will no longer have shelter or a place to hide.

When asked why El Cerrito does not clear the creek out, Dangles said, "We've been talking to Albany about it for years. It's all on Albany's side." He also cites the fact that El Cerrito's maintenance team was cut from 18 to four workers.

El Cerrito maintenance and engineering manager Mori Struve said, "Historically, the informal arrangement between Albany and El Cerrito was that Albany takes care of their side, and we, El Cerrito, take care of our side." Struve maintains that the Albany/El Cerrito border runs down the middle of Cerrito Creek.

There is a lot of vegetation on Albany's side and some on El Cerrito's, Struve said. He talked to the superintendent about thinning out a willow in the center of the creek. The branches, he said, impair the flow of the water. "But we really need to clear the creek out completely, which is a much bigger project." The sewer line that runs along the creek and caused the backup is shared by both Albany and Berkeley, and they plan to tear out a whole half of the creek bank to replace the too-small sewer line with a larger one that will not back up.

"If they started the whole permit process, it's a good time to piggy back the creek restoration onto the sewer project," said Struve. Creek restoration means seeking where the water naturally flows, cleaning it out, and doing an engineering analysis for the creek's proper width. "It's a mix of art and science," said Struve. The creek restoration will occur in next spring.

"In the meantime, we will take care of the immediate brushing project," Struve said. "I am surprised it has not been done already; it will be done by the fall."

To the question, "Why should I care then, if it is not maintained now," Struve said, "If nothing else, we will take care of the potentiality of flooding. Maintenance is never guaranteed."

"However, the creek at Pointsett Park has been nothing but maintained — a contractor has been there every month." "This must be put in context," Struve added. "All of those streets are on a flood plane. They are below the 100-year-flood level. It's inevitable — no matter what, they will flood."

Albany's Ekern said, "We are in the process of completing the design to replace the existing line with a bigger one. Berkeley is the lead in the project. Part of the construction will be taking out the non-native blackberries, and any other non-native plants and replanting native plants that will stabilize the bank. We'll remove a lot of the material that slows down the flow of the water." When asked what Albany would do in terms of upkeep after the creek restoration, Ekern answered, "None of the creek, very very little of the creek is in Albany — it is not our direct responsibility." Albany has an agreement with El Cerrito and Richmond, he said, as part of the Watershed project, to lead creek cleanups. But that's more of a moral obligation than a legal one, he added.

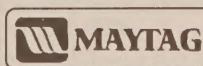
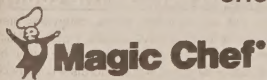
Ekern said he did not believe the overgrowth of vegetation was causing the flooding. "It may help, though," he said, "if we replace the blackberry bushes, and other plants that act as nets, with more natural riparian plants."

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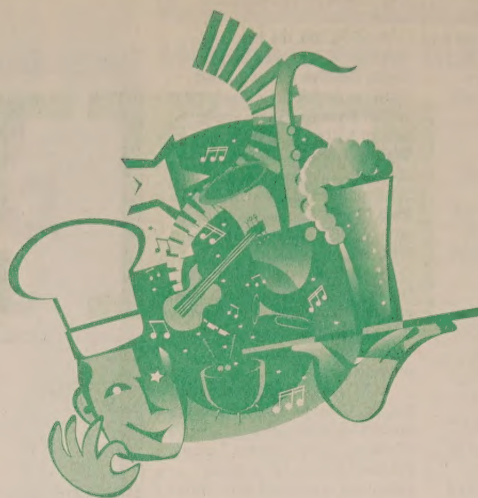
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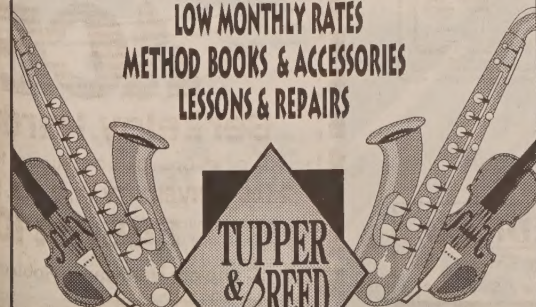
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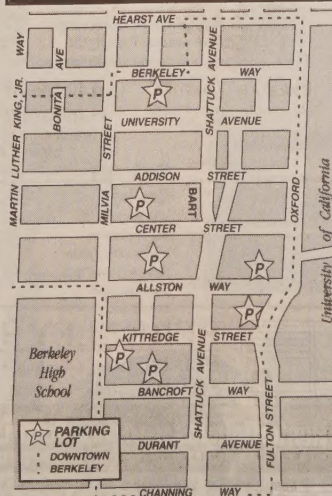
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Yes, We're Back!: OK, so where have I been since last November? well, when I wasn't playing baccarat with Rainier and the Aga Khan in Monte Carlo...

That's not important, but what IS today is saying thanks to all you kind Hills readers — and your numbers were not inconceivable — who sent mail and e-mail and also called. You asked, and Hills management responded! It's great to be back, writing for THE most discerning readers in the East Bay. In the interim, I've had a son graduate from college, a daughter from high school. A lot can happen in eight months.

Once again we'll endeavour (Canadian spelling, eh?) to keep you up to date on the doings, comings and goings in local TV and radio, the national media, and the Net. (Send funny e-mail to the address below). The goal here is "funny" and "lively." I gratefully await your comments and suggestions.

I first wanted to share some interesting information I put together recently for my column in the S.F. Examiner. Since most of you haven't seen it, I think you'll find this **Salaries of TV's Rich AND Famous** interesting.

The Money List: I called agents, station execs and, yes, anchors here to find out who's making the Big Bucks these days in local TV. I've heard little negative feedback on this list, so I suspect these informed estimates are pretty close to the mark:

Leading the money parade is avuncular KPIX anchor/Oakland native **Dave McElhatton**, a client of superagent **Leigh Steinberg**. Big Mac is making around \$750,000 at the self-described

Best Place on Earth for News. Just behind is another local anchor who uses Steinberg (the model for "Jerry Maguire") as his agent, KRON's lantern-jawed **Pete Wilson**. Big Pete makes around \$725,000 for his travails at Channel 4.

In third place is the only sportscaster in our Top 10, Wilson's deskmate: Irreverent KRON sports director **Gary Radnich** uses no agent and still pulls in \$500,000 yearly at the NBC affiliate. "When you add in the radio money he gets at KNBR, Gary's probably the highest-paid anchor in the market at \$800,000," says one source. Radnich confirms this figure.

Next on the dollar list is blustery KGO-TV (itals.) weathererubefuhrer **Pete Giddings**, at around \$475,000. Giddings in the senior anchor in the Bay Area at 20-plus years. One Channel 7 vet I interviewed says, "Pete once told me that he has a clause in his contract that stipulates no one at KGO can make more than him." And no one does.

Thanks to her aggressive new agent, Jeff Lind, Giddings' obnoxious, plasticine anchor-desk pal **Terilyn Joe** recently signed a new four-year deal that pays the fierce-looking Canadian \$445,000 a year (U.S.).

Just behind Joe are Oakland station KTVU's two popular 10:00 co-anchors, **Dennis Richmond** and **Elaine Corral**; they each make an estimated \$410,000 annually.

Their boss, KTVU general manager **Kevin O'Brien**, thinks that if you only work one newscast a day, you shouldn't be paid as much as someone who works two, according to an O'Brien pal.

Just behind the KTVU pair in the money parade is popular KPIX 5 p.m. anchor **Kate Kelly**, who makes around \$400,000. One source says Kelly, who has two young sons, has taken a voluntary pay cut from \$575,000 so she has to work only one newscast a day — she wants more time with her children. Kelly was offered a truckload of money to go to CBS a few years back, but turned it down, she's confirmed to me.

Trailing Kelly: Joe's 6 and 11 p.m. co-anchor, fresh-faced, ever-grinning **Dan Ashley**, who makes

\$375,000 as the male half of KGO's pair of well-dressed humanoids.

At \$350,000, the field gets crowded. KTVU weekend anchor **Leslie Griffith** makes around 350K, as do KRON's classy 6:00 anchor **Suzanne Shaw** and just-arrived KRON L.A. import **Wendy Tokuda**, who, presumably, gets a dollar for every "uh" or script line she blows. KRON's **Pam Moore** also makes right around 350K at the resurgent NBC station.

Not included on this list because technically he's not an anchor is a talented guy who may make more than anyone above — and not just because he's a physician.

KGO's informed and entertaining **Dr. Dean Edell**, I hear, makes around \$900,000 annually. Part, of course, is his Channel 7 salary, but most is from his popular, nationally syndicated radio show. Edell says that only Hindenburg-like gasbag **Rush Limbaugh** is heard on more stations across the country.

The Two-City Guy: It's a touchy and stressful business, doing a radio talk show simultaneously for both San Francisco and L.A.

But after his first week of the new two-city gig, KGO's **Ronn Owens** still managed to keep our annual date and strolled around the laid-back Sonoma County Fair with his two daughters and wife, funny former KCBS newswoman **Jan Black**.

Owens, who's been doing the show from L.A. this week, says, "The best part comes when I saw my new paycheck." Paradoxically, however, fewer people came up to Owens at the fair to chat or for autographs this year. When I mentioned this, the ever-glib Owens says, "That one's easy."

Last year at this time I was on TV, on KRON's newscast. Hey, I don't mind the anonymity." But anonymity is a rare commodity on a big station in the Southland: The L.A.

Times has already done two stories on Owens in his first two weeks at KABC Radio.

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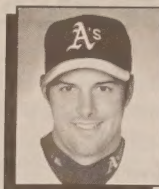
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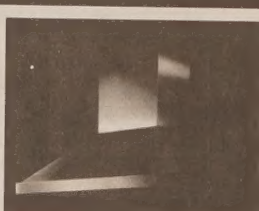
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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce By Sewall Glinernick

Members have bubbly time at monthly mixer

Our appreciation is extended to Lari Seltzer, owner of Bubbles children's shop in the Jay Vee Center, for hosting our very enjoyable Membership Mixer held July 16.

Upon following the yellow brick road inside the entrance to this new member of our business community, members and guests were treated to a beautiful appetizer buffet and beverages with a trio of prizes offered by Lari in the opportunity drawing won by Yolanda Stenmark, manager, California Federal Bank; Allan Essex, Financial Network Investment Corporation; and Klem Schmidt, Associate Member. Offering new and gently used children's clothing Lari also stocks toys, games, and baby needs.

Helping hand sought

A reminder that volunteer help is needed at El Cerrito High School on the weekend of August 16 and 17 with a variety of tasks from cleaning classrooms in preparation for the fall term to gardening needs around the school property.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the front entrance of the school on Ashbury Avenue for a job assignment at 9 a.m. Any amount of time that can be offered on either or both of these days would be greatly appreciated. A job supervisor will be working with each crew along with concerned students and parents of ECHS. Any questions will be answered by calling Janet McKnight at 525-3272.

The next Membership Mixer will be hosted by California Federal Bank in the El Cerrito Plaza on August 27, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Fast but not fat foods

Fast foods don't necessarily have to be fat foods, according to Inder and Satinder Pahwa, two of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newer members.

The Pahwas should know what they're talking about since they

own and operate the Subway Sandwich Shop at 10398 San Pablo Ave. in the Cerrito Galleria.

The pair proudly boast all their "sub" sandwiches contain only six grams of fat as compared with an average of 53 grams of fat to be found in sandwiches sold in other fast food establishments. They're equally proud of the fact that their shop's seven Fresh Value Meals — which include a sub sandwich, chips and soda — contain only eight grams of fat.

And, the pair point out, you don't have to sacrifice choice to lower the fat content of your meals. Their customers get to choose from among seven different hot sandwiches and 14 cold ones — including the new Pastrami Sub, now available for only \$1.99.

All sandwiches come on bread baked fresh daily right in the store, and are available with a choice of onions, olives, tomatoes, lettuce, and bell or hot peppers.

In addition the Subway Shop also offers a wide variety of salads, four different soups, a selection of beverages. For youngsters nine years of age and under, there are low-cost Kids Packs — which include a deli sandwich, cookie, drink and toy.

Each month the Pahwas offer a sandwich special. The selection for August is a chicken breast sandwich with honey mustard or grey poupon.

While they are open for business from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, the Pahwas suggest that customers desiring take-out service phone 527-4300 ahead of time, so their order will be waiting when they arrive at the store.

Now in their third year of operation here, the couple report they're so happy with the business at their El Cerrito location that they're now in the process of opening a second Subway Shop in Pinole.

They report that their policy of occasionally running ads offering discounts in local newspapers has paid off "handsomely" by

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attracting a growing number of both young and older customers.

"We do our best to provide good food and those who try it usually come back, which accounts for the continuing growth of our eat-in business," the couple explain.

The Pahwas are no strangers to the food business, having run a convenience store in Sacramento for five years before setting up operation in El Cerrito.

Both natives of India, the Pahwas came to the United States 15 years ago. Now living in Fairfield, the couple have a son, 13, and a daughter, eight.

Usually seen greeting customers and running the business at the shop in El Cerrito is Mrs. Pahwa, since her husband still holds down a full-time job as supervisor of transportation for the San Francisco Bulk Mail Center.

New member welcome

The chamber has welcomed Steve Price, 1404 Elm Street, as a new Associate Member with appreciation for this chamber support through member dues.

Appreciation also to reinvestments in membership by Maru-O Sushi Restaurant, 7516 Fairmount Ave., Katsuharu Okuhira, 525-9080; Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern, 6115 Potrero Ave., Bob Gilley, 232-8979; and Larry Parks Ltd., 330 El Cerrito Plaza, hair salon and gift shop, Larry Parks, 528-6644.

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On the wine auction trail: Four down, one more to go

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Throughout, there were obscene amounts of money bid, much of which was earmarked for charity, on oceans of wine, whose value has no relationship to anybody's reality system I know.

The latest auction — a three-day wine and food festival — was the 17th Sonoma County Showcase held last weekend at various wineries in the Russian River Valley in the central part of the county.

Because Sonoma is such a large wine region, and because the appellation's wineries and vintners are often divided on issues of politics, business, and philosophy, there is yet one more such event — the Sonoma Valley auction — which will take place at the tony Sonoma Mission Inn over the Labor Day weekend. Oy!

The Sonoma Showcase often is the most fun because the atmosphere is relaxed and unpretentious (two attributes the organizers of this event love to boast in comparison to their archrivals the Napaans).

This year's extravaganza featured the San Francisco Symphony playing an all-Tchaikovsky concert which culminated in fireworks to the accompaniment of the 1812 Overture, some extraordinary wines from the 1970s, and, of course, some juicy gossip.

In an attempt to attract high bidders to their auction, the Sonomans have signed the Symphony to a five-year contract, much to the consternation of some of the supporters of the fine Santa Rosa Symphony headquartered in their own backyard.

Additionally, the clever organizers sold "pavilions" — luxury boxes if you will — to the high rollers, who were treated to picnic-basket dinners



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served by waiters in large tents which rimmed the makeshift amphitheater at the *Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards*, which should have been renamed 3-Grape Parc.

But the absolute highlight for me was the dinner at *Iron Horse Vineyards* in Sebastopol, because of the generosity of its owner Barry Sterling. Before 150 of us sat down at one table which had to be one city-block long set down in the middle of the vineyards, Sterling opened several cases of wine which dated back to the early '70s.

I had the opportunity to taste a '73 Hanzell Pinot Noir, which in '76 was the first great California wine I had experienced, at the Imperial Dynasty in Hanford, and hadn't tasted since. From one of the great Pinot producers, the wine is nearing its demise. But it's still very enjoyable with flavors of black tea and leather.

The '75 Hanzell, on the other hand, still retains its color (the '73 is very thin) and fruit flavors. However, a '75 Swan Pinot Noir from one of California's most idiosyncratic winemakers, was astonishing. Still very dark in color, the fruit is powerful and bright as if the wine had been made five years ago.

Then came the best wine of the night: a '73 Spring Mountain Chardonnay, which was magnificent. Made by Chuck Ortman (now at *Meridian*) for this by-now defunct property, this California Chardonnay was the color of a 10-year-old late harvest Riesling. It was robust, with honey flavors reminiscent of a great aged Chablis.

This, I exclaimed as I turned to a colleague, is what it's about — wine in all its full maturity. Glorious.

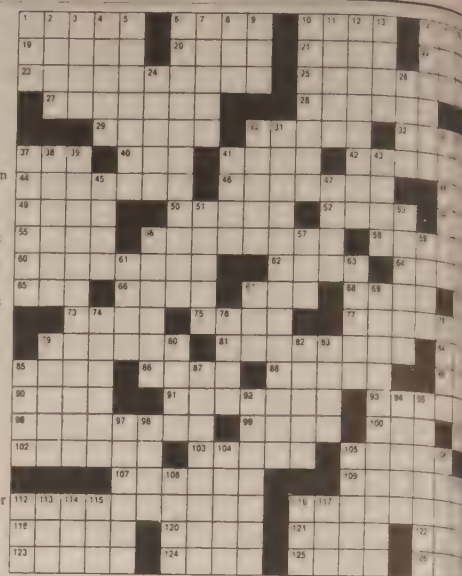
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thought they had been part of the Russian River region for these many years, got a rude poke in the rear recently, when they found out otherwise.

As the story goes, the Gallos, who have become Sonoma's largest landholders (and there they are now, the whole brood, led by Ernest, arriving at the picnic lunch prior to the auction Saturday afternoon), want the appellation to include Cotati all the way to the south, to the vineyard they recently purchased.

So, when the new plans were drawn recently, those aforementioned six properties which thought they were part of

the Russian River when the founding fathers drew up the original specs many years ago, are out in limbo.

Oh, the Sonoma Showcase took in \$600,000 (a 10 percent increase over last year), much of which will go to the Boys & Girls clubs of Sonoma, and other unspecified local organizations.

So see you Labor Day at the other Sonoma auction, when we conclude, "Can You Top This?"

Montclair resident Alan Goldfarb writes regularly on wine. Write to him at The Montclair, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, 94611 with your questions and comments.

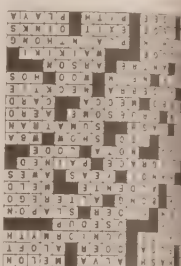
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ake readiness group adopts the motto 'Be prepared'

we begin our subject-of-
with, an apology. Doing this
at one o'clock in the
before taking an early
emergency trip to L.A., I
the lovely lady who is
to celebrate her 105th
It is Bertha NORTH who
celebrating that happy event,
who so regret my mistake. And
Cecelia D. (sorry I couldn't
your last name) for so gently
it to my attention.
to Elmer NORTH, Bertha
H's son, thank you for
all that information and the
full picture of your mother,
because of my emergency I
not wait for it. Perhaps when
celebrates her 106th?
Happy Birthday, Bertha
H.

There is a group of people in this
very much aware of the im-
big one," which could come
cars or could come tomorrow.
EPP is made up of these dedi-
people who are not only aware,

but are doing something about earth-
quake preparedness. Paula Gray came
to talk with me about it.

The Earthquake Preparedness
group started in 1992 when some
PTA members formed something
called React. Their desire was to have
the school system and the city work
with them to get the schools, in par-
ticular, in shape for an impending
earthquake. In 1994 the city hired
Dave Simpson of the Fire Depart-
ment to work half time as liaison with
them.

And then Valerie and Robert
Cheasty helped to form that into the
EQPP (Earthquake Preparedness) for
everybody. "In a disaster of any
kind, particularly an earthquake, we
probably cannot rely on public agen-
cies, so everyone should be as pre-
pared as possible to deal with things
themselves," they say. And certainly
that makes sense.

We all know the recommenda-
tions, don't we? three day packs in
cars and homes, containing supplies
of water, food, light, warmth and
radio. And the strapping of water

heaters, houses bolted to foundations,
etc. These are the essentials.

The EQPP is trying to organize
everyone in the city by blocks, with
block captains and other people. "The
more you know you can rely on your
neighbors and they can rely on you,
you are not only better prepared for
emergencies, but it makes for better
neighbors and neighborhoods."

So the block captains meet regu-
larly, and the organization has drives
to buy supplies for the homes and the
neighborhood, and to find block cap-
tains for the other blocks where they
do not have block captains or any
measurable level of preparedness. The
goal is to have every block organi-
zed, offering support and training
to those willing to take on the job of
block captain. This includes 4 or 5
hours of intense training. In fact, they
urge everyone to take advantage of
the classes put on by the fire depart-
ment. They include Search and Res-
cue, First Aid, CPR, etc.

The good news is that about 2/3 of
the blocks in Albany have some
level of preparedness. Of course, the

bad news is that 1/3 do not. Some of
the blocks do not have regular meet-
ings 'but are really gung ho.' EQPP
has surveyed neighborhoods to see
who has had water heaters strapped
and who has not.

Every April is Earthquake Pre-
paredness Month. They have a drill
where they simulate having had an
earthquake and do first aid on people,
respond to calls, etc. The fire depart-
ment always comes around. The big
drive this year was to get all water
heaters strapped. It started in Janu-
ary, and by April 12 they had strapped
an additional 500 water heaters. It is
all done by volunteers (bless them),
and they are continuing the effort.
Again, training is provided for any-
one to learn how. Some 125 people
have taken the training and strapped
in their own neighborhood. "I don't
know any other city in the country
that has attempted anything like this."

Gray notes that enforced strap-
ping cannot be done until a house is
sold, then the city does inspect the
property. She speaks of the early dif-
ficulties, of the occasional need for a

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



plumber, and other problems, but feels
most of them have been solved.

She gave me a copy of the mem-
bers of the Steering Committee, and
I am impressed by the 20 or so names
on it. Paula Gray is co-chair with
Doug Donaldson. Several past chairs
are still on the steering committee.

Other tidbits: An upcoming TV
ad: "It's not out fault, it's Hayward's";
of block parties held so that neigh-
bors become people, not nameless,
faceless inhabitants; and the raising
of awareness, of doing something
that everyone must admit will be nec-
essary within the next 15 years or so.

Paula Gray grew up in the midwest,
came to California, to Porterville in
1965, and then to Berkeley in 1970 to
go to Cal. And, as they say, "I never
left". She has been a courtroom clerk

for about 15 years. Her husband works
in technology at Summit.

Anyone interested in being a block
captain, joining the organizations, or
needing help is invited to call their
Operations number, 559-4323 or
Planning at 559-4323. Their Fax is
559-4320, and Paula Gray's email is
paulacakes@aol.com

I met two members of EQPP at the
Friends of Albany Library book sale,
and they suggested Paula. I am so
glad they did. How wonderful to have
such a fine and dedicated organiza-
tion spurring us on.

And, as always, I invite all of you
to give me your input: Interesting
People, Organizations, events, etc.
Please write to me at 555 Pierce St.,
#443, Albany, 94706 or call 525-
4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

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and very widespread commu-
position to the theater compo-
Because of the ENRA, the
was forbidden by contract
considering any other options
development on the site. Mean-
the Agency spent hundreds of
dolls of dollars on salaries and
costs for the Agency staff
eventually bowing to the in-
the Owell theater project.

There are all serious judgement
and I believe the Agency can-
its credibility unless it
the courage and honesty to
go to them.

te checks and balances

country's founders were
trustful of the good inten-
governments. In order to make
difficult for our government
laws that might or might not
its citizens, they instituted a
of checks and balances. In the
legislature, they set up two
bodies, the House and the
Senate, and required any law passed
to also pass the scrutiny of the

members are also the Agency Board
members. This makes it easy for pro-
posals, budgets, loans and all kinds
of complex agreements to pass both
bodies in a single night. No system of
checks and balances exists between
them. Instead, the one is a rubber
stamp for the other. This has to
change.

I believe that the Agency Board
and the City Council must be made
separately-elected bodies. Further, I
believe that members of one body
ought to be forbidden to simultane-
ously be members of the other, and
that departing members of one body
ought to be forbidden from running
for election to the other for at least a
year. In this way, we can create a
system where the members of one
body act to check the actions of the
other and each body's legal oversight
responsibility acts to balance the poli-
cies adopted by the other.

Cut the umbilical cord

As it stands, El Cerrito's city gov-
ernment pays the salaries and support
costs of the Agency staff. The Agency
is then supposed to reimburse the
City for its costs at year's end. When
the Agency is strapped for money,
(as it has been for more than 3 years
now,) instead of paying the money it
owes to the City treasury, it simply
rolls the debt over to the next year. As

of June, the accumulated past-due
debt for staff salaries and support
services was around \$1 million.

That has to end.

By California state law, the Rede-
velopment Agency is legally a sepa-
rate body from the City of El Cerrito.
The Agency, in fact, is an arm of the
State Government, and its finances
and debts are supposed to be com-
pletely separate from those of the
City. The Agency has to begin man-
aging its finances in such a way that
it can pay for its own staff and sup-
port costs. The City can no longer
afford to underwrite those costs.

According to City Manager Gary
Pokorny, beginning in Fiscal Year
1998, El Cerrito will run a deficit of
around \$1 million a year. If he's right,
our \$1 million reserve fund will plug
that hole the first year, but, after that,
the picture looks increasingly grim.
Instead of depending on the City to
bail it out, the Agency must be re-
quired to pay back its entire existing
debt and then to pay its own costs in
the same year they are incurred, ev-
ery year thereafter.

If it can't do that, it ought to de-
clare bankruptcy and stop draining
money from the City it is supposed to
benefit.

**Decide what we're really
trying to accomplish**

El Cerrito's General Plan is 20
years old. It fits the City of today
about as well as my 20-year-old
clothes fit me and it fits the El Cerrito
of 20 years from now even more
poorly. That has to change.

For 10 years or more, too many
members of the City Council/Agency
Board have treated Redevelopment
as a means to further their ideological
goals. To that end, they have manipu-
lated the outcome of so-called "pub-
lic" planning processes, willfully and
frequently misrepresented facts and
claimed to represent the aspirations
of all El Cerrito residents, when they
actually only represent themselves
and their small group of close sup-
porters. That, too, has to change.

Just as you cannot successfully
build a modern house without a de-
tailed blueprint, we cannot expect to
successfully build a modern El Cer-
rito without a comprehensive and
detailed General Plan. More impor-
tantly, if we are to heal the deep
divisions in our community that past
and current battles over Redevelop-
ment have caused, that plan must
ACCURATELY represent the desires
and opinions of a solid majority of
both El Cerrito's residents and its
business community.

I believe the best way to accom-
plish that goal is to create a truly open
public planning process. Not a pro-

cess stage-managed by the Agency
Board and staff to reach a pre-deter-
mined conclusion, but one that is
truly open, inclusive and open-ended,
with no deadline for the completion
of its task. In my view, the dialogue
must be permitted to continue until
we have reached a true consensus on
the character and shape of the El
Cerrito we wish to build over the next
20 years.

In order to successfully create a
real, workable, long-term solution to
our city's planning needs, that con-
sensus plan must be detailed, highly
specific and comprehensive. In par-
ticular, it must specify such details as
the height, architectural style, desired
uses and amenities of development
along the entire San Pablo Avenue
commercial district, including both
the Del Norte BART Station area and
the whole Plaza area, including the
BART station. It must squarely ad-
dress and finally decide the question
of how much and how dense new
multi-family housing will be included
and specifically where it will be lo-
cated. And, once that consensus plan
is completed, it must be submitted to
the voters of El Cerrito for their ap-
proval and endorsement, in order both
to insure that it truly does represent
the vision of the community and to tie
the hands of future Councils and
Agencies, forcing them to create the

city that we, its residents, have deter-
mined we wish to build.

Make hard choices

If, as I suspect it will, the outside
audit and financial analysis shows
that the Agency is teetering on (or,
worse still, has fallen over) the edge
of bankruptcy, we will face some
hard choices. In particular, we may
find it necessary to default on the
outstanding balances of the loans by
which earlier Agencies purchased the
six properties in the "land bank". We
may also have to cut back consider-
ably on the Agency's current
commitments to prospective devel-
opers, especially its commitment to
Wilton-Terranomics at the Plaza and/
or to the PDG group across San Pablo
Avenue from Del Norte BART. That
will be painful, but, if the alternative
is complete bankruptcy, we really
won't have any choice.

Regardless, we must now begin to
decide which projects the Agency
can support on the basis of practical-
ity, rather than ideology, on the basis
of fiscal responsibility, rather than
wishful thinking and on the basis of
true community consensus and
support, rather than on political flim-
flam and propaganda. If we do not do
so, I fear that we may destroy our city
and our trust in each other.

I hope it's not too late.

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East Bay Events

Showing off 'Paper, Scissors, Rock'

Off Center Gallery has taken the child-like quality of the game "paper, scissors, rock" and asked local artists to get creative with paper, scissors and rocks in a show opening July 31 and continuing through Sept. 5.

Gallery co-owner Natalie Friedman found inspiration for the show in an old folktale for her contribution to the show, creating a dog sculpture and three wall masks. The gallery is located at 2136 Oxford St., call 644-9695 for information.



Nancy Miller's polished rock

Library hosts Magic Window Puppets

Puppeteer Linda Zittel brings the Magic Window Puppet Theatre to the library for three free performances in August. Zittel, a puppeteer for 13 years, has presented hundreds of programs throughout the Bay Area. The shows are geared for pre-school and primary school children and present warm and funny stories that leave the audience with plenty to think about. After the show, Zittel will share different types of puppets with the audience, from those made of socks and paper cups to authentic Chinese shadow puppets. The first show will be Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Claremont branch, 2940 Benvenue, 644-6880, following shows are Aug. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Library, 2090 Kittredge, 649-3943 and 3 p.m. at the South Branch, 1901 Russell, 644-6860.

Up and coming poet to read latest works

Berkeley resident Joshua Clover will read from his award-winning, just-published first poetry collection, *Madonna anno domini*, on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at GAIA Bookstore and Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Clover won the 1996 Walt Whitman Award of the Academy of American Poets for the collection. GAIA is located at 1400 Shattuck Ave.

Local youth turn 'The Princess and the Pea' on its head

The hit fairy tale musical *Once Upon a Mattress* comes alive this weekend at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. This comical parody based on *The Princess and the Pea* turns the idea of the prince and princess on its head. That actors range in age from 10 to 14 and chose a summer of intense theatrical training to be a part of the production, being involved in every aspect from singing and dancing to set and costume creation. The show goes on tonight, July 31, at 7 p.m. through Saturday, at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. All performances are at the BRJCC, 1414 Walnut St. call 848-0237 for further information.



Kids star in the show

Young theatre group puts on new play

Impact Theatre in Albany presents *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, a new play by Alan Ball about "fast women, fast times, fast talk...the Woman Question is alive and well and the oldest of rituals brings it on hard. In the midst of wedding bells and clouds of tulle, five bridesmaids share their thoughts and experiences, laughs and tears, as one summer afternoon forces them to re/deconstruct for the '90s the age old question 'What do women want?'"

Impact Theatre has been around since 1991, when a group of El Cerrito High School graduates rented a space and put up a show. In September of 1996, the group took its name and started doing affordable theater for younger audiences in Berkeley.

The play runs Aug. 1 through Aug. 23 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. at the Eighth Street Studio on Eighth Street between Dwight Avenue and Parker Street. Tickets are \$5 for students and Theatre Bay Area members, \$10 general admission. Call 464-4468 for reservations and information.



Dreamscape by Kira Chuchom

Bay Area Photography on display

The San Francisco Bay Area-based icontact group will exhibit their work at Alta Bates Community Gallery from Aug. 1 through Sept. 12. The gallery is located at 2450 Ashby Ave. The show features works by icontact members with a variety of photographic media and subjects, unified by a desire to deepen their understanding and presentation of fine arts photography. You can learn more about icontact and see samples of the group's work on the world wide web at <http://www.slip.net/~gimbel/icontact>.

Cal Performances lunchtime series primes audiences for fall lineup

By Carol Egan

The Center for Theatre Arts at UC Berkeley is again offering summer noontime productions in Zellerbach Playhouse. Performances take place every other week with a schedule that includes Woody Allen's *Death* (Sept. 22-25), *The Actor's Nightmare* by Christopher Durang (August 5-8) and a single performance of Moliere's *The Imaginary Cuckold* on August 15. The series opened last week with a bill of two one-acts directed by Shawn Kairschner.

The value of such a series is multiple. For a minimal admission charge one can see stimulating new works as well as tried-and-true classics. Although the performers are mainly students or recent graduates, there are many young artists within their ranks. It is rewarding as an audience member to witness the development of these budding talents.

Last week's opening piece, *Degas C'est Moi* by David Ives, featured Jeffrey Fierson as the unemployed Ed who decides to be Degas for one day. The charm and poignancy of the work lies in the juxtaposition of Ed's drab existence and surroundings with his imaginary world, peopled with ballerinas and jockeys and filled with impressionistic colors.

Fierson, known by many for his appearance in *Medea the Musical*, is now able to restrain his former tendency to overact and do schtick. In this play he succeeded in creating a very real and sympathetic character. Debra Freeman, as his overworked and stressed



The dancers, musicians and singers of *Tango x 2* open Cal Performances' 1997-98 season

out wife Doris, brought believability to her part but needs to strengthen her voice and learn to project. Director Kairschner not only knew how to bring out the humorous and bittersweet moments, but he also filled the stage with an ensemble of many different characters, all portrayed by a septet of very agile actors.

The second of the one-acts, *John Guare's New York Actor*, is set in a Manhattan theatre bar.

The story revolves around a quartet of actors, mostly out of work or between engagements. One among them, Craig (sensitively played by Daniel Olmstead) has seemingly landed a role in a forthcoming Broadway show. A renegade from Hollywood, where his TV series was cancelled, Craig claims to be overjoyed to be back in New York, where real theatre is happening.

The dialogue is fast-paced

and superficial. However, it doesn't seem to warrant the actor's life. A memorable in the Olmstead as Craig, the actor who is about him in the Broadway. Jeffrey Fierson as the New York actor. Having a major univer-

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'Oklahoma' offers some surprises

Rodgers and Hammerstein's 'Oklahoma' by Piedmont Light Opera Theater, through Aug. 2; 654-3939.

By Don McConnell

For those who haven't experienced *Oklahoma!* in a while—the show opened in 1943, the movie in 1955—there may be some surprises; there were for me.

The first is the radiance of the score—ranging from the Viennese lilt of "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" to the cheerleading thrill of the title song. It was the first collaboration of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, and it may well be their strongest work in terms of songs.

The second, and less pleasant, surprise is the darkness of the plot. The trend of the past 40 years has been away from the original concept of "musical comedy"; indeed heartbreak is commoner than not on the Broadway stage. But the plot of *Oklahoma!* is not so much tragic as disquieting. It's a light-hearted romance in which the jilted suitor is a psychopath, and he's seldom offstage for long.

Also a surprise is the strength and appeal of the stereotypes, all familiar from John Wayne Westerns but rarely seen on the musical stage. Curly has the self-confidence and swagger of the Duke, and when he learns that another guy, Jud Fry, is wooing his girl, he beards him in his den and tells him to hang himself.

Throughout the rest of the show, Curly and Laurey corner Jud, practically ensuring the final fatal confrontation; but as John Wayne would say (and



did say in *True Grit*), the only thing you can do with a rat is shoot him. (Brrrr.)

PLOT's production is almost completely successful, with a strong cast and unusually good acting. The star of the show is Keith Barlow as Curly. His offstage, unaccompanied vocal entrance ("There's a bright golden haze on the meadow") is immediately captivating, and he keeps building from there.

Barlow is a local boy (raised in Piedmont) who's gradually become the romantic lead of choice for musicals produced in the region, thanks to his wicked-choir-boy looks, lovely light tenor and easy, natural acting. You feel lucky to be in the audience when so skilled a performer is at work.

The other real standout is Paul Mazza as Jud Fry. He looks right for the role—brutal, but not ridiculous as a rival for Curly—and

he attracts some sympathy, which is necessary if he's not to become a sort of Freddy Krueger.

PLOT gives back to Jud his song, "Lonely Room," in which he realizes what a dour creature he's become and resolves to change. This is one of two songs (the other is Ali Hakim's "It's a Scandal, It's an Outrage") that were cut from both the movie and the Broadway cast album. Musically that's not a loss in either case, but Jud's song is important to making him something besides an ogre.

Loretta Janca is an odd choice for Laurey; both her mobile facial expressions and belter's voice suggest Ado Annie. She has the soprano roles requires, but at least

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Reading for the dog day of summer

By Barbara L. Sloane

Summer: the feel-good for relaxing, hitting the settling back with some-thing.

'Day Trips' by Peter King, photographs by Holleuffer: 208 Chronicle Books, \$12.95

Browning's slow approach to roaming the hills of northern California sunny season perfectly. It features 28 pictures, none more than a day's drive from the Bay Area. Recommendations range from London's Wolf House to Glen Ellen, to Fort Ross of Jenner, to the remote New Almaden quicksilver south of San Jose.

Day Trips covers from Marin to the Sonoma Coast, Country to the Central Coast, the Delta, and Costa; and the Santa Cruz, the coast and Old San Francisco. Detailed maps and specific directions assure you won't get lost.

And what if you do? As King writes in his introduction some of these tours "are drives that do not take you to a particular destination, but are to be enjoyed for the pleasure of having a maddening crowd."

So pack a picnic lunch beside a back road and enjoy the beauties of Northern California while reading one of the books reviewed below.

'Covering the Bay' by Benedict Cosgrove: Chronicle Books, 208 pages, \$14.95

Covering the Bay's light baseball fans and historians. What if the

See READING

'Kiss me Guido' a film with wits if not technological style

Renata Polt

There's nobody named Guido. Tony Vitale's *Kiss Me Guido*, which is gay friends Warren Anthony Barrie and Terry's (Craig Chester) shorthand for macho, straight Italian-American males. As for the macho, straight Italian-American males — such as Frankie Zito (Nick Scotti) and his brother Pino (Anthony DeSando) — they're so square they think the personal abbreviation "GWM" means "guy with money." If that makes you think *Kiss Me Guido* is a racist or homophobic piece, you'd be mistaken. It's not all right, but the stereotypes laid on so evenhandedly — singly, in fact — that they become defused. Sure, the gays camp it up. Tony's wrists couldn't be limper, and a play written by Warren's former lover is entitled *Fire in the Vein*. And sure, Frankie and the boys' Bronx family are straight out of sitcom heaven: Sweet old mama steals the food off her grandson's plate when he's not eating, and mama, finding out her son hasn't been fooling around with his girlfriend, accuses

him of being a "finocchio" (faggot). Straight, man-hungry women come in for their share of ridicule too. Yet there's nothing mean-spirited about any of it; when everybody is equally foolish, everybody's equal. The main character, actor/choreographer Warren, has been dumped by his lover, Dakota (Christopher Lawford — yes, he's Peter Lawford's son), and he's months behind on the rent for his West Village apartment to landlady Meryl (Molly Price). Still, he's upset to find out that his buddy Terry has placed a "roommate-wanted" ad ("GWM...") for him. On the other hand, there is the rent to pay. . . . Frankie inhabits a world continents away, even though he lives only as far as the Bronx, where he works in a pizza parlor (I liked the shots from inside the pizza oven). But life in the Bronx doesn't satisfy him, especially after he finds brother Pino getting it on with his — Frankie's — girlfriend. With his heart set on a career on the stage, Frankie is eager to emulate other great Italian-American actors — DeNiro, Pacino, and, especially, Stallone. The Village is the place to do it, and he answers

the ad. The suspicion between straight and gay characters is as thick as smog on an August afternoon, but Warren is determined to lay it on the line with Frankie ("If you're gonna be a goddam actor, you'd better get used to talking to a few queers"), and it doesn't take much more than a homophobic incident, in which Frankie is wrongly taken for a gay man, to make the macho young stud begin to change his views. Screened in June as part of the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, *Kiss Me Guido* is a low-budget independent film by first-time writer/director Tony Vitale, whose main film experience has been as a location scout. It's not highly sophisticated technically — its soundtrack, for example, is often hard to follow, partly because of the thick Italian-American accents, partly because of misplaced "background" music, and partly, I guess, just because of poor quality. But for wit, warmth, and good spirits, *Kiss Me Guido* is as pleasing a movie as I've seen so far this summer.

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are enduring a dismal season? Pick up *Covering the Bases* and live again some of the most unforgettable moments in our national pastime.

In the words of the sportswriters and broadcasters who saw the games, this book covers 25 highlight events in baseball history. Many of us recall Cal Ripken's 31st consecutive game in 1995, even Reggie Jackson's "three strikes, three home runs, one game" in 1977. Most sports fans of all ages also seen reruns of Lou Gehrig's famous farewell speech in 1939. But how many of us have actually read an account of Babe Ruth's fabled shot in 1932 or Fred Merkle's notorious error in 1908? Fred Kunkel's *A First Baseman* with John McGraw's New York Giants. Merkle had the misfortune to miss catching second base in a crucial game against the Chicago Cubs during the 1908 pennant race. For this, he was doomed to go down in baseball annals with the play labeled "Merkle's Boner."

Pans of the sport will no doubt remember other memorable moments they wish had been included in this collection, but it's hard to fault over the excitement and enthusiasm generated by the writers and announcers who are included.

Berkeley: A Literary Tribute edited by Danielle La France with introduction by Malcolm Margolin; Day Books, 240 pages, \$14.95. Another anthology celebrates the city known as Berkeley-watching. *Berkeley: A Literary Tribute* is as varied as the city it explores.

Through the years, hundreds of writers have lived in, or visited, and written about this unique community. Editor La France has limited herself to contributions from only authors, but what a group it is. Robert Hass, Jack Kerouac,

Ishmael Reed, Maxine Hong Kingston, Lincoln Steffens, Jack London, Frank Norris—the list goes on with many well-known and other not-so-famous names, but all writing about a place central to their lives.

Much of the appeal of this collection comes from the history of the city revealed in the various pieces. John Kenneth Galbraith describes "Berkeley in the Thirties." The late Thomas Parkinson from UC-Berkeley's English department remembers "Berkeley, 1947." Bobby Seale's excerpt from "Seize the Time" recalls the turbulent 1960s and the rise of the Black Panthers.

Alice Kahn takes a visitor on a whirlwind tour of the "gourmet ghetto" in "Berkeley Explained," and a Berkeley icon is acknowledged in the poem by Julia Vinograd, "For Moe Who Died."

This literary tribute to Berkeley emphasizes by its scope and diversity why this relatively small city has fostered such creativity and affection from those who passed time within its borders.

'Warming Fires' by Jeff Kunkel; Face to Face Books, 177 pages, \$18.95.

Warming Fires carries the reader from sunny California to chilly Midwestern scenes.

Kunkel, who lives in Oakland, grew up in Wisconsin, and his col-

lection of short stories introduces a cast of characters and a primarily rural, small-town lifestyle far different from those encountered in the urban setting of Berkeley.

The book's title says a great deal; these are simple, somewhat old-fashioned, heartwarming tales about people whose relationships are as complex as those of city dwellers.

There is humor and pathos in the Christmas story of the "Live Nativity," reminiscent of a Garrison Keillor tale. In "Her Whole Face Said Yes," a long-married couple finds new life as they face retirement and the ills of old age.

Some of the story titles indicate the world being explored by Kunkel: "Strawberry Money," "Ice Neighbors," "Muskie and Virgins" and "The Great Northern Train Wreck."

However, don't jump too quickly to conclusions based on titles; the last-named story is much more about the husband-and-wife relationship than it is about trains. And "A Match Made in Heaven" deals with the coming together of a black woman preacher and her all-white congregation.

Kunkel, who teaches writing workshops, is also the editor of a forthcoming collection of letters and diaries from the Alaska Gold Rush to be published in September by the California Historical Society.



Puppets invade Fairyland

Children's Fairyland and The San Francisco Bay Area Puppet Guild will co-host the 35th annual Puppet Fair on Aug. 9 and 10. Festivities will include puppet shows all day long, a 'Make Your Own Puppet' booth, and an exhibit of some of the finest puppets in California. All events are free with admission. The highlight of the day will be at 2:30 p.m. when popular puppet performer Randal McGee and his dragon GROARK take the stage. This unlikely duo travel the state teaching children about safety and social values through their original songs and stories. Other puppet highlights will include: 'Rumplestiltskin' by Ron and Barbara Johnson of San Jose, Black Maxam of Oakland's Vagabond Puppets present 'Little Ms. Riding Hood,' 'The Puppet Company will perform 'Legend of Sleepy Hollow,' and The Johnson Bros.

Oklahoma

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on opening night, she had trouble remembering to use it, often belting out high-flying lyric lines. She's perfect, though, as a daughter of the prairie, especially when she gets fed up with Jud and finds the courage to fire him.

Kathleen Dederian, on the other hand, is a sweeter-than-usual Ado

Annie, an innocent victim of hormones rather than (as usually played) a precocious rollover. Both her suitors—the swaggering Will Parker (Thomas Ketrone) and the Persian peddler Ali Hakim (Conrad Cady) are well cast, though Cady plays an generalized ethnic stereotype that owes more to the shtetl than to the casbah.

Duane Carroll conducted a performance that could be sluggish in the purely orchestral sections but came to life when required; the show-stopping "Oklahoma!" was genuinely stirring. John Hull's sets got a well-deserved ovation.

Oklahoma! plays at 8 p.m. July 25, 26 and 31 and Aug. 1 and 2; and at 2 p.m. July 27. Call 654-3939 for tickets.

Cal

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both a theatre department and a presenting organization such as CAL Performances should give the Chamber of Commerce plenty to boast about. Speaking of CAL Performances, the roster of this fall's programs is now out. What a line-up it is! The season opens Sept. 9 with "Tango x 2," featuring four virtuosic couples in 32 dance and musical numbers.

Dance fans will be further delighted by appearances of American Ballet Theatre (Sept. 30-Oct. 5), Susan Marshall's collaboration with Philip Glass on the Jean Cocteau film, *Les Enfants Terribles* (Oct. 17-18), the Lyon Opera Ballet (Oct. 24-25) and the return of the Mark Morris Dance Group in repertory (Oct. 30-No-

vember 2) and *The Hard Nut* (December 13-21).

Classical music lovers need not feel neglected for they have Frederica von Stade (Sept. 20), the Kronos Quartet playing old as well as new music (Sept. 27), pianist Anna Kravtchenko making her West Coast recital debut (Sept. 28), Il Giardino Armonico (Oct. 12, 3:00pm), Bryn Terfel (Oct. 12, 5:00pm), and mezzo-soprano Angelika Kirchschlager (Oct. 26).

World Music and Dance will be celebrated by the Lisbon-based Madredeus, a vocal and instrumental ensemble carrying on the great tradition of fado (Oct. 15) and the return of the ever-popular Inti-Illimani, Chile's practitioners of the Nueva Cancion (Oct. 22).

Completing the fall program will be two unique events. From

South Africa comes *UMABATHA* - *The Zulu Macbeth* by Welcome Msomi (Sept. 24-28). Featuring a 55-member cast of actors, drummers, singers, and dancers, it is based on parallel themes found in the stories of Shakespeare's tragic king and the warrior statesman Shaka Zulu. It will be performed in Zulu with English supertitles.

Finally, the Thang Long Water Puppet Theater from Vietnam will perform at the Greek Theatre Oct. 17-19. The thousand-year old art form of water puppetry brings dragons, fairies, farm animals, and soldiers to life in several Vietnamese folk tales. A special Family Fare performance, featuring half-price tickets for children age 16 and under, will take place on Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. Call 642-9988 for further information and reservations.

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Martin Snapp

"Am I my brother's keeper?" It's a question that has been asked ever since the days of the Bible. And it's just as relevant now as it was then. But it's not so easy to answer when the "brother" is a homeless person, especially one of those perfectly able-bodied punks you see on Telegraph Avenue — like the guy I saw last week with a sign reading, "Why lie? I'm just going to spend it on beer."

That guy is a member of what George Bernard Shaw called "the undeserving poor." But he's not representative of most homeless people. The great majority of homeless are single women and their children.

You won't see them on Telegraph, or on Shattuck or University, either, because they're even more afraid of the street punks than we are. But even though they're invisible, they're here just the same.

How can we help these deserving people without handing over our hard-earned cash to the no-good bums? The answer is an organization called Berkeley Cares. It was founded in 1991 to deal with the very problem I'm talking about, and its solution couldn't be simpler: It prints vouchers that you can give to panhandlers instead of cash.

The vouchers can be redeemed for food, or for machine time at local laundromats, or for bus and BART tokens to take them to job interviews. But they can't be redeemed for booze or cigarettes or drugs.

The people who truly deserve our help can really use these vouchers. But for guys who are just looking for money to pay for their next fix, the vouchers are worthless.

If everyone in Berkeley handed out vouchers instead of cash, the bad guys would be forced to go somewhere else. (Either that, or clean up their acts and get jobs.) But, I can hear you asking, wouldn't a black market spring up? After all, there have been newspaper stories about drug dealers accepting food stamps.

It's not likely to be a problem with vouchers, because they're only printed in 25-cent denominations. What with the price of dope these days, you'd need a wheelbarrow-full just to buy one joint.

Then there's the problem of forgery, especially with one of those high-tech copy machines. But Berkeley Cares has thought of that, too: Each voucher is specially treated so that if it's photocopied, the word "VOID" appears on the copy.

You can buy Berkeley Cares vouchers at stores throughout the city. Just on upper Telegraph alone, I spotted vouchers available for sale at Moe's, Cody's, Shambala, Half Price Books, the Reprint Mint, Bill's Men Shop, Andronico's. And they can be redeemed at both the Berkeley Market and Fred's Market.

The stores don't hit you over the head with it when you shop there, because they don't want to intimidate you into buying. (That would make them just as bad as the street punks they're trying to eliminate.) But if you look carefully near the cash register, you'll see a Berkeley Cares display.

Just as an experiment, I bought a few bucks worth of vouchers and proceeded down the avenue to see how well they'd be received.

The street punks turned up their noses. But most of the homeless people — especially the mothers with little kids — were glad to get them.

Now I never venture into downtown Berkeley without a fistful of vouchers in my pocket. It makes me feel good to give them to people who can really use them. And it makes me feel equally good to watch some punk's face drop when he realizes he can't use it to buy beer.

Before I discovered Berkeley Cares, I thought that my only two choices were either to give money or not. And since giving money always carried the risk that I'd just be feeding their habit, I usually chose not to give anything at all.

Now there's a third way: Give vouchers. And it's the best way at all.

As I said, you can buy Berkeley Cares vouchers at stores all over the city.

Other stores have collection boxes where you can donate cash. (At Cheese Board Pizza, for instance, they won't accept tips, but they will accept donations to Berkeley Cares.) But the cash doesn't go to Berkeley Cares itself. In addition to the voucher program, it also wears another hat: As central collection agency for other help-the-homeless organizations, including the Berkeley Emergency Food Project, the Chaplaincy to the Homeless, and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center.

In short, it's hard to think of a more worthwhile organization. And it's efficient, too. The staff consists of exactly one person — director Karen Shue. Everything else is donated. Compare that with the padded expense accounts, luxurious offices, and bloated staffs that you find at most charities.

When Cain asked God if he was his brother's keeper, God made it pretty clear what the right answer was. This is an organization that makes it easy to do the right thing.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingo Ave., Berkeley 94705, phone (510) 273-9039, or e-mail Catman1@creative.net

Here's your chance to join Contra Costa Chorale

Experience the joy of singing with the Contra Costa Chorale. They will be singing the magnificent Haydn oratorio "The Creation."

You have a choice of rehearsal locations and days. Mondays in El Cerrito or Wednesdays in Lafayette from 7:15-9:45 p.m. The El Cerrito rehearsals begin on Aug. 25 at the Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navellier St. (at Potrero); those in Lafayette begin

August 27 at the United Methodist Church, 955 Moraga Road.

Performances will be given Nov. 15 in Kensington and Nov. 16 in Lafayette.

There are no "formal" auditions, just come to a rehearsal and sing along with the chorus for the evening.

For more information call 527-2026.

Input

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"Save Del Norte." They spoke to people involved in Redevelopment: with the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, with one of the developers of the future Del Norte Marketplace project (consisting of Staples, Pep Boys and Walgreen's) and one of the developers of Del Norte Place.

They heard perspectives from several community organizations: the El Cerrito Alliance, Sustainable El Cerrito and the Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council.

At the lecture and panel discussion hosted by POWIA Friday, Director Richard John said, "We hope very sincerely to leave something behind for the community to go forward with, as well as to create a paradigm, a model for this type of planning. We hope to achieve awareness, but after yesterday, I think there is a great awareness."

Putting El Cerrito on map

After one hour of post-its, the maps were polka-dotted yellow. Some of the post-its read: "There needs to be a center to the city"; "improve seismic safety of public buildings"; "more park and ride lots for commuters"; "dislike motels and adult bookstore"; "diagonal parking and more trees on San Pablo"; "large trees—not lollipop trees"; "San Pablo Avenue has no continuity—it's ugly"; "dislike anger and name calling about redevelopment and city government"; "no building over three-stories high"; "stop Pacific Development Group"; "good high school"; "like open creek"; "like hillside area: coyotes, deer, raccoon and fox." While gazing down at a map, trying to figure out another like or dislike, a woman mused, "I wonder where the emphasis is?" The spot on the map representing the Plaza was saturated with at least 10 layers of stickies.

Some of them read: "housing mixed with commerce"; "build for bicycles"; "larger grocery"; "variety architectural styles"; "town-center focus"; "possibly fountain with benches, seats for people to read"; "building adaptive for reuse"; "BART bike path connect to Plaza and Bay Trail neighborhood."

Discussion

As some 30 attendant residents stuck post-its on the maps, the POWIA students took notes, compiling and classifying the likes and dislikes. When the students presented their condensed rendition, there were many more dislikes than likes.

Chief among likes were the farmers' market, Fairmont street, and the Del Norte bike path. POWIA student Louise Walker categorized the dislikes into themes of no more big-box development, "hideous oceans of parking," San Pablo is too wide, too fast, and does not accommodate pedestrians, no sense

of place, and a feeling of desolation.

After POWIA students summarized what they had gleaned, they tried to steer the conversation toward certain discussion topics. Yet residents, for the most part, free associated, unable to stick to the topic, seemingly because of their strength of feeling. This discussion appeared overdue, with many residents realizing the depth of their feelings and ideas on the spot.

Unfortunately, several people afterward said they had wanted to talk, had things to say, but were overwhelmed.

Several residents commented on the commuter usage of the BART parking lots, saying we should charge commuters to park. El Cerrito pays for all of the road maintenance when out-of-towners who work in San Francisco use our roads and parking lots everyday, argued Thom Stark and Peter Loubal.

Sustainable El Cerrito Chair Steve Price said the city needs bike racks so that when you ride your bike to the store, you have some where to put it.

Janet Abelson, a member of Albany/El Cerrito Access, an advocacy group for the disabled, said that as a bus rider, she is disgusted by the ugliness of the bus stops. "I challenge anyone to find a speck of paint on them," Planning Commissioner Kathleen McKinley said if we put electrical cables, and telephone lines underground, we could grow larger trees. She said in communities like Chico, the large trees lend the town a ritzy quality. You have to look long and hard to notice that, in fact, many of the streets are lined with dingy bungalows.

Jim McKissock said that a mandate needs to be started for creeks. They not only need to be restored, but constantly maintained. "It's a job that is never finished," he said.

Debbie Landshoff said she would like the city to maintain the trails in the Hillside Natural Area, so that people could hike there more easily.

The Avenue

San Pablo Avenue became the main topic of conversation, receiving a severe beating.

Now that Interstate 80 is so congested, said Richmond resident Linda Grant, there is a great deal of overflow onto San Pablo. Before there was so much traffic overflow, San Pablo was a more community-style thoroughfare, with traffic reflecting business hours. Now the traffic on San Pablo needs to be looked at in a larger scope, on a more regional basis, she said.

Resident Raymond Ahern said because the state owns San Pablo Avenue as a State Highway, there are jurisdictional problems with limiting the speed and controlling the pedestrian flow.

Abelson said that when crossing from Del Norte BART to Gill, across

San Pablo, or from Del Norte to the Target store, one has to take one's life into one's hands, because there are no pedestrian crosswalks.

One man cited a Caltrans representative as saying, "We are in the business of building highways, not finding alternatives." El Cerrito can take San Pablo into its jurisdiction, said Thom Stark, but then the city would need to pay to maintain the road. He suggested having Caltrans completely fix San Pablo Avenue, and then having El Cerrito then take the new and improved San Pablo into its jurisdiction and, having control of speed-limit and design, transform it into a profitable shopping district. That way, down the road, when maintenance is needed, the City will have the money to pay for it.

Workshops

After the discussion, the crowd broke up into groups based on a section of the city, to suggest land-use changes. People were free to roam from group to group. Most of the groups seemed to simmer down to a POWIA recorder holding a conversation with one person, outside of intermittent interruptions from others, about the land-use of that particular area.

At the table dealing with the south end of El Cerrito, the Plaza was the focal point. In a conversation about the residential component of the Plaza, some residents said it was cumbersome to talk density, because to most people, numbers indicating density do not translate well. Instead, they said, POWIA should show models.

Lynda Bourgeois suggested having Lucky change its store design into a kind of marketplace, where a shopper could enter into separate parts of the store, not into a large, inescapable box; the meat department would be one small store; the produce would be in one small store; the baked goods in another.

Resident Kathy McKissock favored preserving the buildings that are in the Plaza, citing the fact that the Capwell's building was retrofitted not too long ago.

In the mid-section of town, a woman said it is a shame that City Hall is in portables. "It's pathetic to have a City Hall like that," she said.

Later, POWIA instructors Jorge Hernandez commented on how the citizens and the redevelopment agency seems to be "at loggerheads." A POWIA tutor explained that all POWIA could do is start a plan and leave the City — residents, business, city staff, and council members — to follow through on it. He said the Institute checked in on a city it visited last year, and it turned out the city government had eventually reversed every portion of a plan POWIA had generated. "It's really a long-term plan more than anything else," he said. "It may take 20 to 30 years to implement fully."

Seminar

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Urbanist concepts. POWIA chose El Cerrito for many of the concepts at issue in contemporary planning — transportation alternatives, sprawl, communal centers, developer-driven planning, especially pronounced in El Cerrito.

Also, once the route of a transcontinental San Pablo Avenue has long since been bypassed by Interstate 80. However, the corridor is still a factor for many, and with its two BART stations, it has potential to be not only a bustling, but a controlled, pleasant thoroughfare. This potential will take term planning and serious stamina to see through.

Setting El Cerrito on the road

Stefanos Polyzoides, one of the six founders of the Council of New Urbanism, a professor at the University of Southern California and a frequent speaker, said for the most part New Urbanism has been misquoted in the media as "the great white man movement," a nostalgic movement, pro-regression and serving the elite.

He said, to the contrary, New Urbanism views public space as the glue of community, to intervene and control sprawl, to slowly integrate completely integrated land uses that make sense in America, and to battle the segregation of our cities, turning the heat up on the melting pot, a mosaic of both people and land-uses.

"How come America is so ugly? Because layers of design were simply dropped in, un-integrated," Polyzoides said. "It's all been islands, based on property, not as a city but on humanism. It is chaos by design."

"When you think of Paris, you think of boulevards; when you think of London, you think of parks; when you think of El Cerrito, what do you think of?" Polyzoides. The silence amongst El Cerrito residents was thick enough to slice. When someone said Polyzoides countered with, "This is not a matter." New Urbanists view developers and laws as obstacles to work around, not constraints. "Zoning kills everything that is simple," Polyzoides said.

"Take a survey of what you like design-wise in El Cerrito, I guarantee 80 percent of it is illegal under the main problems in El Cerrito, resident A said, is that developers continually come in and build what they will build, claiming that "if they do it this way, the customers will not come." For a developer who tells you they cannot do so, another will tell you they can, said Polyzoides, people to become entrepreneurial and find a way to build what you want.

Zoning is the reason San Pablo looks the way it does, Polyzoides said. By code, every retailer has to have parking, and many of them tore down their old buildings to put in a parking lot, destroying the sense of character by diluting it through and diluting it with cars. In general, the best way to deal with sprawl is to put all of the parking in one place, make people walk to the various uses.

He went on about the downfall of El Cerrito. "You get off of BART in El Cerrito, and you absolutely nowhere to go. It is such an insult to the city," he said.

New Urbanists base their designs on the belief in the sustainability of our economy depends on the recycling of buildings. Therefore, buildings should be designed in an open-form, ready for several uses, said Polyzoides. In this way, retailers can conform to the community's design standards, rather than the other way around.

Resident Joan Bartulovich spoke of being in El Cerrito searching desperately for a cup of coffee. She said the buildings were breath-taking, made of beautiful wood. Finally she and her husband noticed people in one building and, walking up close, saw a little McDonald's golden-arched "M" on the door.

"All you need to get that is the sheer civic will," he said. "Even big retailers will shrink their stores if the area is pedestrian-friendly and profitable."

During the Panel Discussion, Director of Planning Richard John and summer school instructor Jorge Hernandez and Thomas Smith commented on the civic will they had witnessed from El Cerrito residents they arrived, one day prior.

Richard John said, from what he had seen in El Cerrito totally lacks apathy."

"I have not found one resident yet who has been silent on the subject of development," Polyzoides one point said. "The rules are out of control. I see any unruly action by any citizen who does not understand what is happening (in terms of their city's development)." One of the Institute's fundamental concerns is finding how best to involve those who will live and work in a particular area in its planning design. The day after the lecture, the Institute met with citizens to discuss their likes and dislikes in El Cerrito land use, to provide the Institute with fodder for San Pablo plans.

When a resident asked how to avoid a hair-splitting process between residents and politicians over design projects, Polyzoides asked how many city council members and planning commissioners were in the audience.

Councilmember Mark Friedman had been in the audience, but had to leave, and Councilmember Redevelopment Chair Jane Bartke raised her hand to planning commissioners were in the audience.

Polyzoides referred the resident to a special urbanism and community organization, saying, "You yourself toward reforming the political process."

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The Institute will make its final report and presentation to the community on Friday, Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Fairmont Elementary School Multi-purpose Room. The multi-purpose room is located across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Library near the intersection of Shattuck and Lexington Avenues, two blocks east of San Pablo Avenue.

Update

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city was previously prohibited from allowing organizations which discriminate on the basis of race, religion or sex from using city facilities or funds, groups which discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation will similarly find themselves out in the cold. Those who drive taxis need no longer seek police approval before changing the color of their cab or their headgear, nor do they have to provide photographs or fingerprints to police, but instead need a regular business license like everyone else.

Those who sell racing forms need no longer file a copy each day at the police station, a practice discontinued for some time. Also, "carnivals" have now been renamed "special events," and the city's "tent theatre" ordinance will be struck from the books entirely.

When a dog bites a man (or woman), the penalty will no longer be between \$35 and \$100, but will be set forth in the city's bail schedule. And, while garbage cans were at one time supposed to hold exactly 30 gallons, residents now have the choice of either 20 or 32.

Council response to the first reading was scant, with Mayor Bob Good calling the changes "housekeeping" and not particularly substantive. On the matter of updating the city's zoning ordinance, a document that "regulates the use of land by establishing what is permitted or prohibited in a given district," Planning Manager Gary Patton called the existing document "confusing" and "very hard to interpret," and said the changes could also be used as an economic tool in upcoming attempts to revitalize San Pablo Avenue.

According to a staff report, the ordinance acts as the vehicle through which the city's General Plan is implemented, but, at present, is "obsolete, incomplete, and difficult for the public, staff, and the Planning and Zoning Commission to interpret." Also, it does not recognize the council's goals to "enhance economic development in a manner which emphasizes sustainable development," and to "enhance and maintain transportation" options for city residents.

Some 18 changes, ranging from alterations to current San Pablo Avenue design guidelines to a change in parking requirements, were listed in the report, which also included a pair of illustrative diagrams meant to shed light on problems with the current ordinance. In searching for zoning references for a second story addition with a balcony, for example, at present those hoping to understand city code have to flip from page 2013 to page 2045, then back to page 2014, which might refer them to page 2050, as they attempt to understand what is required.

In revising the ordinance, a consultant will work with city staff and a council-selected subcommittee, which will attempt to reach consensus on which portions of the ordinance should be revised. The project will take between 200 and 250 hours of consultant time, the cost of which should not exceed \$30,000, and will take eight months to a year to complete.

Council member Bruce Mast said the report "certainly addresses my concerns," an opinion seconded by Baker. The council set the process in motion by a 4-0 vote, with no public comment on the matter.

An informal inquiry

Number 205 in a series of true experiences in real estate. Part one of two parts.

All homeowners, including myself, seem to have a never-ending list — improvements and repairs to keep the elements and invaders out. Many will never get done. We don't have the money or time. Often we're still thinking about it or it's just too much trouble we don't know who to hire to do

It occurred to me this week to call a bunch of our buyers and ask them what their next house project was going to be. I had no doubt that anyone I called would know immediately what kinds of things he or she wanted to do next. It would be interesting to find out what they were doing and I'd enjoy talking to old friends.

I decided to call Phillip and April. Phillip answered the phone. I waited for a minute before he answered. "April, what is your next house project?" I asked. She thought for a minute before saying that there was too much to do. She and Phillip had been spinning their wheels trying to decide what to attack next. They had some repairs done on the roof earlier in the year, so that

was done for the moment. But last fall they discovered that the drainage around one part of their foundation is poor. They'd better attend to this, she said, but it's hard to find good workmen.

They would enjoy redoing their bathroom (a far more appealing way to spend money) but "It's out of the question. In real life, you only have so much money." At some point they'd be painting the downstairs area where Phillip's office is "a

It occurred to me this week to call a bunch of our buyers and ask them what their next house project was going to be.

color other than pink." Annie and her husband Ken have two small boys and Annie is due to bear their third child in the next two weeks. "This nesting thing," Annie said, "it's really something. Just yesterday I shampooed the carpets, set up a crib, put together a bassinet, replaced the toilet seat and assembled a table. I'd already painted the bathroom. Today I'm going to start on window washing. The whole house looks great."

"I'm thinking of scrubbing my Birkenstocks next," Annie said. "I scrubbed them before the last baby

was born and — what do you know — I went into labor the next day."

Rick and Pam's Montclair house already had a beautiful new kitchen when they moved in. But the floors needed refinishing and they were worried about several large trees bending toward their roof.

They did the floors, had the trees cut down and are now concentrating on two wished-for projects: redoing the bathroom ("Rick's in charge of that, figuring budgets,

getting bids") and landscaping the yard.

"I'd like a big brick patio outside the living room," Pam tells me, "but Rick says that so much brick would cost a fortune. We met with a landscape designer last week and talked about using colored concrete instead. We'll have some plantings done right away, others will wait. And we're figuring out how to fence the dogs into the back of the yard."

Michael's house needs a new kitchen and bath. It needs paint and floor refinishing and wallpaper stripping. In the eight or nine months



TAROFF & TALBERT

that Michael and Cynthia have lived in the house, they have done a little painting but mostly they've spent time cleaning up the garden and thinking about what they want to do to the house.

Michael has three plans in mind for this summer: directing water away from the house using French drains, doing his own earthquake retrofit work (he's taking a class) and making their unusual and quite wonderful two-story barn watertight.

I'm very interested in what Michael has decided to do to the barn. He says he's going to leave it looking funky inside. The original white-washed boards will stay (this pleases me), he'll shear wall the exterior with plywood, then cover it with shingles.

The downstairs will function as workshop with a new concrete slab floor and the upstairs will be an office space with a skylight. He expected to have the building permit by now but other things kept happening — business trips, relatives visiting.

See TAROFF on page 24

Greenspan nods, interest rates fall

On July 24 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 3 basis points from last week's average of 7.47 percent to 7.43 percent. The average has not been this low since the week ending March 1, 1996, when it stood at 7.41 percent. At the end of the fourth week of July 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 8.19 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) fell a single basis point to 5.54 percent from last week's average of 5.55 percent. This figure has not been this low since December 20, 1996, when it averaged 5.53 percent. A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 6.01 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular

option in the refinance market fell 3 basis points from last week's average of 7.01 percent to 6.98 percent, marking the first time this rate has averaged below 7 percent since December 20, 1996. This time last year this rate was 7.76 percent.

'(Federal Reserve) Chairman (Alan) Greenspan's remarks earlier this week greatly reassured the financial markets that inflation is not a threat.'

— FREDDIE MAC CHIEF ECONOMIST ROBERT VAN ORDER

"(Federal Reserve) Chairman (Alan) Greenspan's remarks earlier this week greatly reassured the financial markets that inflation is not a threat and the economy is in very good condition," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order. "Not only did this news help to lower interest rates slightly this week but it may have the same effect on rates next week."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

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Seasoned real estate agents Peter and Karen listened to my specific needs and kept me within my home-buying budget. I would not have been able to reach my goals had it not been for their expert advice and guidance throughout the home-buying process. Loan consultant Russell Doi of The Mortgage Network, worked with me early in the process. His ingenuity and knowledge about the different loan programs greatly helped reduce my stress level. I would like to commend all of them for their professional excellence, dedication, and the personal service I received.

Orly and Avi Suveda

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6919 Gladys (2-4).....El Cerrito.....3bd/2ba.....	\$229,500
522 Woodmont (2-4).....Berkeley.....3bd/2ba.....	\$285,000
1919 Milvia (1-4-30).....Berkeley.....3bd/2+ba.....	\$229,000
817 Ashbury (2-4).....El Cerrito.....2bd/2ba.....	\$229,000
2430 Hilgard (2-4).....Berkeley.....TIC.....	\$199,000
500 Boynton (2-4).....Berkeley.....3+bd/2ba.....	\$349,000
9 Claremont Crescent (2-4).....Berkeley.....2bd/1.5ba.....	\$289,000
4900 Horton St. #13 (2-4).....Emeryville.....1+bd/1+ba.....	\$215,000
1274 Ocean (2-4).....Emeryville.....2bd/1ba+ inlaw.....	\$189,500

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58 Britt Ct. - \$244,000	1409 Everett St. - \$128,500
1701 Central Ave. U - \$129,000	2061 Key Blvd. - \$400,000
3010 Cerro Vista - \$185,000	1146 Richmond St. - \$143,500
2711 Clay St. - \$253,000	2434 Tulare Ave. - \$205,000
271 Crendon Circle - \$657,000	1471 Vista Rd. - \$383,500
3326 Fir Ave. - \$181,500	61 Wildwood Pl. - \$187,000
740 Haight Ave. - \$219,000	EL SOBRANTE
302 Holly Oak Ln. - \$250,000	818 Allview Ave. - \$128,500
212 Inverness Ct. - \$214,500	545 Chabre Ct. - \$128,000
31 Invincible Ct. 16b - \$250,000	10 Jo Lin Ct. - \$215,000
1156 Island Dr. - \$200,000	3814 Painted Pony - \$200,000
3307 Liberty Ave. - \$238,000	4622 Whitesands Pl. - \$159,000
2157 Lincoln Ave. - \$245,000	EMERYVILLE
3229 Madison St. - \$189,500	4 Commodore 231d - \$111,500
1638 Moreland Dr. - \$324,500	7 Commodore 264a - \$95,000
1827 Moreland Dr. - \$234,500	2 Commodore - \$105,000
2025 Otis Dr. A - \$92,000	OAKLAND
2132 Pacific Ave. - \$161,000	6537 Aitken Dr. - \$367,500
315 Ratto Rd. - \$286,000	6737 Aitken Dr. - \$330,000
2133 Santa Clara Ave. - \$125,000	940 Alma Pl. - \$315,000
1616 Schiller St. - \$187,000	3947 Ardley Ave. - \$210,000
2835 Sea View Pkwy - \$733,000	5620 Ascot Dr. - \$280,000
955 Shorepoint Ct. 214 - \$84,000	5966 Balboa Dr. - \$280,000
2 Smith Ct. - \$395,500	1355 Barrows Rd. - \$250,000
7 Souza Ct. - \$297,000	13022 B'dway Tr. - \$617,000
929 Union St. - \$221,000	3550 Brookdale Ave. - \$120,000
ALBANY	260 Caldecott Ln. 180 - \$165,500
1038 Curtis St. - \$245,000	260 Caldecott Ln. 184 - \$182,000
1212 Dartmouth St. - \$201,500	260 Caldecott Ln. 185 - \$163,500
509 Kains Ave. - \$220,000	260 Caldecott Ln. 189 - \$129,500
535 Pierce St. 3102 - \$145,000	260 Caldecott Ln. 192 - \$174,000
535 Pierce St. 3106 - \$150,000	260 Caldecott Ln. 195 - \$114,500
535 Pierce St. 3112 - \$143,000	260 Caldecott Ln. 207 - \$174,000
535 Pierce St. 3206 - \$159,000	260 Caldecott Ln. 213 - \$130,500
1032 Talbot Ave. - \$221,000	260 Caldecott Ln. 220 - \$142,500
BERKELEY	260 Caldecott Ln. 238 - \$133,000
4 Ajax Pl. - \$471,000	2936 California St. - \$189,000
1009 Amato Dr. - \$100,000	5022 Camden St. - \$160,000
1849 Arch St. C - \$315,000	13506 Campus Dr. - \$560,000
514 Arlington Ave. - \$569,000	4001 Canon Ave. - \$215,000
7559 Claremont Ave. - \$315,000	1700 Carter St. - \$306,000
649 Creston Rd. - \$585,000	3833 Clarke St. - \$100,500
1624 Curtis St. - \$227,000	5300 Cole St. - \$165,000
806 Delaware 1122 - \$225,000	54 Covington St. - \$167,000
1230 Delaware St. 3 - \$215,000	5125 Crockett Pl. - \$374,000
1609 Delaware St. - \$236,500	3229 Deering St. - \$115,000
2324 Derby St. - \$335,000	3663 Dorisa Ave. - \$119,000
2406 Edwards St. - \$118,000	5022 Dublin Ave. - \$347,000
929 Euclid Ave. - \$258,000	230 Duncan Way - \$235,000
2535 Hawthorne Tr. - \$342,000	1734 East 24th St. - \$235,000
2328 Jefferson Ave. - \$238,500	3715 Elston Ave. - \$245,000
2761 Mathews St. - \$149,000	10586 Englewood Dr. - \$335,000
2203 McGee Ave. - \$177,000	223 Estates Dr. - \$500,000
76 Menlo Pl. - \$356,000	5680 Estates Dr. - \$179,000
3 Muir Way - \$700,000	1443 Excelsior Ave. - \$124,000
7 Oakvale Ave. - \$360,000	4527 Fairfax Ave. - \$220,000
2417 Russell St. 4 - \$134,000	6098 Fair Ln. Dr. - \$510,000
1229 Russell St. - \$142,000	406 Fairmount Ave. - \$140,000
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1265 Holman Rd. - \$241,000	16089 Selborne Dr. - \$164,000
4223 Howe St. - \$221,000	1420 Thrush Ave. 50 - \$128,000
551 Jean St. 2 - \$149,000	14206 Tiburon Rd. - \$178,000
555 Jean St. 531 - \$136,000	72 Williams St. - \$139,000
3318 Jordan Rd. - \$215,000	SALES STATS BY CITY
16 Kimberley Ct. - \$299,000	ALAMEDA
6359 Longcroft Dr. - \$295,000	TOTAL SALES: 28
6558 Lucas Ave. - \$170,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$ 84,000
4027 Lyman Rd. - \$289,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$ 733,000
1015 MacArthur - \$250,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$260,250
5474 Manila Ave. - \$252,000	ALBANY
87 Marlow Dr. - \$172,500	TOTAL SALES: 8
605 Mira Vista Ave. - \$350,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$143,000
509 Mountain Blvd. - \$499,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$245,000
8384 Ney Ave. - \$168,500	AVERAGE PRICE: \$185,562
750 Oakland Ave. 301 - \$120,000	BERKELEY
382 Orange St. - \$264,500	TOTAL SALES: 29
4118 Penniman Ave. - \$147,500	LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
245 Perkins St. 53 - \$158,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$ 735,000
8070 Phaeton Dr. - \$261,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$314,413
5476 Proctor Ave. - \$379,000	EL CERRITO
2642 Rawson St. - \$179,000	TOTAL SALES: 8
3944 Rhoda Ave. - \$200,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$119,000
101 Rishell Dr. - \$218,500	HIGHEST PRICE: \$400,000
2754 Ritchie St. - \$170,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$228,312
39 Ronada Ave. - \$265,000	EL SOBRANTE
386 Santa Clara 102 - \$119,000	TOTAL SALES: 5
1034 Santa Maria Cir. - \$125,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$128,000
565 Santa Ray Ave. - \$254,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$215,000
5801 Scarborough Dr. - \$439,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$166,100
5240 Shafter Ave. - \$300,000	EMERYVILLE
6856 Simson St. - \$149,500	TOTAL SALES: 3
492 Staten Ave. 1002 - \$108,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000
1350 Sunnyhills Rd. - \$625,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$111,500
4205 Suter St. - \$140,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$103,833
5594 Taft Ave. - \$392,000	OAKLAND
92 Templar Pl. - \$255,000	TOTAL SALES: 8
1921 Tiffin Rd. - \$225,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$100,500
5329 Trask St. - \$160,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,000
3539 Victor Ave. - \$185,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$248,923
876 Walker Ave. - \$480,000	PIEDMONT
533 Westfield Way - \$225,000	TOTAL SALES: 2
43 Wood Ct. - \$483,500	LOWEST PRICE: \$230,000
3828 Woodruff Ave. - \$260,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,120,000
91 Yosemite Ave. - \$299,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$675,000
PIEDMONT	SAN LEANDRO
201 Crocker Ave. - \$1,120,000	TOTAL SALES: 22
16 Lorita Ave. - \$230,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$109,000
SAN LEANDRO	HIGHEST PRICE: \$386,000
1526 139th Ave. - \$152,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$181,931
1639 163rd Ave. - \$128,000	
919 Arthur Ave. - \$150,000	
13315 Aurora Dr. - \$238,000	
13766 Aurora Dr. - \$156,500	
279 Bristol Blvd. - \$137,000	
1132 Carpenter 207 - \$109,000	
781 Chico Dr. - \$159,500	
1657 Clearview Dr. - \$386,000	
2450 Harborview Dr. - \$300,000	
15381 Laverne Dr. - \$209,000	
13115 Neptune Dr. - \$365,000	
15397 Norton St. - \$175,000	
447 Olive St. - \$135,000	

More dirty deeds

By H. W. Moss

Real estate fraud comes in many shapes and flavors. It can be quick and painful or go unnoticed for decades. But like any deadly disease, when it strikes it hits hard and can leave its victims destitute and homeless.

The casualties

Often it preys on intelligent people with extra money to loan. But just as frequently it picks on the old and the infirm living on fixed incomes. Common casualties include senior citizens who fail to understand the implications of a paper they sign or are misled by unscrupulous lenders into believing their Social Security payments will be large enough to cover the new loan payments.

"It's a very clever thing and hard to track," observed Senator Teresa Hughes (D-Inglewood) who authored a bill (SB 537) which would give local district attorneys and police more staff to combat this type of crime.

The district attorneys in at least two Bay Area counties will have anti-real estate fraud units in place soon. However, only Santa Clara county actually has one at the moment. The good news is that senior citizen groups are discussing home equity abuse and local government officials have a mechanism in place to get some relief.

Thumb prints

And, after a brief experiment in Los Angeles, notaries throughout California are now required to get a thumb print from everyone signing their book. "Notary laws have done a whole lot to combat the fraud," observed San Francisco Recorder Gregory Diaz. "I'm pleased in seeing a very effective notary law. The thumb print now is required on all these notary journals."

Another experiment Los Angeles is currently performing involves sending a notice to all persons who own property whenever a grant deed is recorded on their property. This alerts owners to the fact that an instrument has been recorded which may affect their ownership. As many as 10 percent of the recipients have

been surprised to learn their rights have taken place.

But not all the counties state have decided to do a Real estate professional concerned about real estate cause the public sees them or wrongly, as contributing problem.

Here are a few examples some schemes work: Eugene V. Borelli, Realty had his license in 1988. His pyramid scheme a coconspirator at the pany. Basically, Borelli money to be loaned out pieces of property and deeds of trust to loans. Unfortunately for ers, they were all on the of property.

Playing both ends

Lowell Hoxie had ment of Real Estate bro and a Department of (DOC) license. He kept out of both department's claiming, if the DRE for them, the DOC had. When they came calling, DOC the DRE had, un-

"There is not a pro holding either or both said Ken Nagashima, sn administrator with the Angeles. "A licensee may election as to which they under and there is an over two sets of laws."

Hoxie promised to pay gages at an accelerated rate owners sent him extra month which he pocketed were at least 108 compl him and it took ten year the fraud.

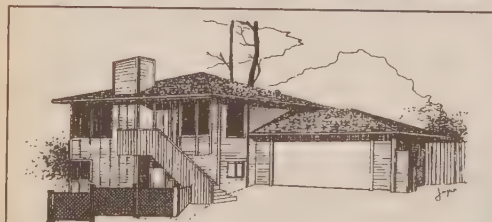
Builder or lender?

Some building contr fer to repair property and mortgage loan representi rowers have been known to lead into taking out loan repay that have high cation fees and closing costs.

That's what happened Davis. In order to make her Potrero Hill home w See MOSS on p.

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Shifting the risk

There is a tendency by some lenders to misstate the borrower's ability to repay when the broker is selling the loan. In the Morris Johnson case, the seller of the loan was a broker who had already been paid by loan origination fees. When he went to sell the loan to actual

Common casualties are senior citizens who fail to understand the implications of papers they sign.

lenders, a common practice, they overstated the borrower's income.

Johnson said he was a self-employed contractor when he had not worked in 10 years. All the risk of not getting paid back was borne by the investors, not the broker who was paid up front.

"Government cannot move fast enough to protect its constituents," Hughes observed. "Each and every day I hear about some sad situation that occurs." Thanks to the Hughes' bill and others in the works, people are being alerted.

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Landslide liability, IV; inverse condemnation

Public entities must pay a fair price when their acts or omissions damage private property, just the same as when they take it for public purposes. The latter process is known as direct condemnation. The former is called inverse condemnation. Both are rooted in constitutional prohibitions against "taking" (and, in the case of the California Constitution, "damaging") private property without paying just compensation to the property owner.

In the case of inverse condemnation, the public entity is said to have "taken" some portion of the value of your property by damaging it, thus rendering it liable to you in the amount of the property's loss in value. Usually, public entities are liable for disturbing land stability even if the activity causing the slide

or movement is not itself negligently performed.

Thus, for example, if its construction of a road or its underground excavation in connection with the removal of a condemned property results in land movement or other damage to a neighboring property, it will be liable for the amount of that damage. Another common example is of landslide or earth movement resulting from underground or surface water movement triggered by the activity or failure to act of a responsible public agency.

When such a problem arises, it is necessary to file a real property damage claim with the offending agency within a specified time of the occurrence. If, and only if, the public agency fails to respond satis-

I like to remind my readers that articles like this can make the process ... seem much simpler than it usually turns out to be.

factory within a specified period of time, the property owner may file suit the diminution of value to the property resulting from the agency's behavior.

If the aggrieved property owner succeeds in proving that his or her property was damaged as a result of the substantial participation of the public entity in a "public use" activity, he or she will be entitled to recover appropriate damages.

Alternatively, a public entity may also be liable to injured property owners under tort, or personal injury, theories, such as trespass, nuisance or negligence. A major difference between the two approaches is that tort theories of recovery requires proof of fault, i.e., negligence, on the part of the public agency. Inverse condemnation does not. On the other hand, if the public agency's behavior is so outrageous that punitive damages would be available, liability would have to be found under an applicable tort theory.

Every once in a while I like to

remind my readers that articles like this can make the process of recovery in case of damage seem much more simple than it usually turns out to be, if attempts at a negotiated settlement are unsuccessful.

One should always keep in mind when considering litigation that proof problems often turn out to be more difficult than anticipated, that various defenses will have to be defeated, and that the costs and delays arising from a less than perfect system can be substantial. All of these factors must be as carefully evaluated by the attorney you consult as the legal theories outlined in articles like this one.

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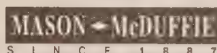
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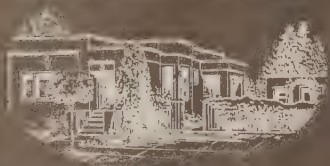


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One of Frank Lloyd Wright's major Prairie houses is the 1902 Arthur Hartley House in Oak Park, Illinois. The house and other early works by Wright mark the emergence of modern architecture in the United States.

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MARK A. WILSON

Prairie school: birth of the modern house

When I was growing up in Chicago in the '60s, my father used to take me to see some of the many Frank Lloyd Wright-designed houses that were located all around the greater Chicago area. He would often explain that not only were these houses great examples of the work of America's most famous architect, but they were also the first truly "modern" homes in the world.

It was not until I moved to California and began teaching architectural history in the '70s that I came to understand why my father's description of Frank Lloyd Wright's early domestic designs was so accurate. Not only were these homes from the early 1900s well ahead of their time in their remarkable use of innovative design features, but they also set the standard for modern residential architecture throughout the world for the entire 20th century.

Universal influence

The most compelling proof of the universal influence of Frank Lloyd Wright's so-called Prairie School of architecture came during

my first visit to Moscow in when a Soviet scientist from mine took me to see the Maxim Gorky's house which been built just before the Revolution. She told me it was an example of the "modern house, and to my surprise it out to be a perfect example of the Prairie School, designed by a cow architect who was obviously inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Definition

What is the Prairie School? Why is it considered the birth of the modern house? In the Frank Lloyd Wright was a prodigy working for the famous architect in America, Sullivan of Chicago. Sullivan popularized the phrase "form follows function," and he Wright everything he knew the use of modern building materials and principles.

But Wright soon decided up his own practice, and in began working for his own from his studio in the Chicago. See WILSON on p.

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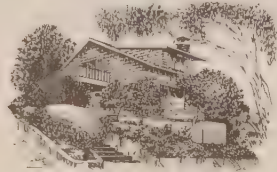


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of Oak Park. There, in the years before and after 1900, Wright developed a system of residential design that completely opposed the design emphasis and applied ornamentation of the Victorian era. This new philosophy of design, called the Prairie School by Wright, emphasized clean, horizontal lines and shapes, and large areas of glass in order to integrate the house with its physical surroundings. Wright believed that a home should blend with its environment by allowing light, breezes, and pleasing aromas from outside to freely enter the living quarters.

Visual blend

Visually, the sweeping horizontal lines of his houses blended perfectly with the flat topography of the Midwestern setting — hence the name Prairie School.

The exterior elements of the Prairie style include:

- plain rectangular surfaces;
- flat or low-pitched roofs with wide, extending eaves; and
- simple geometric patterns set within the chimney, on the doors, in panels between the windows, and as wooden trim over the window panes.

In California, the facades of these houses are usually made of stucco, painted in various pastel or earth tones. (Midwestern Prairie homes were often sheathed in brick and

concrete, reflecting the harsher climate there).

Breaking the box

On the interior, Prairie style houses were marked by open, flowing floor plans, and most of the rooms were flooded with natural light from the wide expanses of window area. Wright emphasized versatile floor plans, and spacious, feeling rooms with flexible or multiple uses, (his homes often seem

Frederick Robie.

The Robie House was completed in 1909 in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, and is considered the first fully modern house in the world, (it is the only single family home included on the U.N. list of World Heritage Sites).

Wright's opponents

These radical new ideas received a good deal of opposition at the

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larger than they are because of their light, open interiors).

He called this innovative new concept in interior design "breaking the box", meaning he was making a radical break from the Victorian tradition of tightly arranged, firmly separated living areas.

The Prairie School philosophy was first introduced to the general public in a series of articles by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1906, in the popular magazine *Ladies Home Journal*. In these articles, Wright discussed the major points of his new concept of domestic architecture in layman's terms, and provided illustrations and blueprints for a prototype of the Prairie house he was designing for a client named

time, primarily from architects who practiced in the various Period Revival modes like the ubiquitous Tudor Revival, which more than held its own in the early 1900s. This resistance to fundamental change was expressed quite vociferously by Horace G. Simpson, a staunch advocate of Tudor Revival and a partner in the highly successful San Francisco firm of Simpson and Wood. In the February 1916 issue of the professional magazine *Architect and Engineer*, Simpson unloaded a broadside at the Prairie School of architecture.

There is also a sort of style imported from the Middle West and consisting chiefly of plate glass and



Drawing by Ann Johnson

Designed in 1914 by John Hudson Thomas, the Loring House on Spruce Street in Berkeley has all the classic features of the Prairie School.

horizontal lines, which enjoys a wide vogue and a quite inexplicable reputation for originality. Without doubt our domestic architecture is suffering from the taint of egotism in the designers, which causes them to express their own peculiarities rather than the use of the building and the personality of its occupants. Such pompous criticism did not deter various Bay Area architects who borrowed the main concepts of the Prairie School and added "their own peculiarities".

John Hudson Thomas

Of all these local architects, the one most influenced by the Prairie

Style was John Hudson Thomas. Thomas had studied the techniques of Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago in the early 1900s. He began designing houses in the East Bay in 1906. Today, John Hudson Thomas' work is recognized as the finest examples of Prairie School architecture in Northern California.

Some of his largest homes grace the hills of Piedmont, such as the Kelly House at 455 Wildwood Avenue (1910). Numerous examples of Thomas' work can also be found in the Grand Lake and Lakeshore areas of Oakland, north of Lake Merritt. And many John Hudson Thomas homes stand in Berkeley

as well, such as the Merrill House at 10 Hillcrest Court (1911), and the Loring House at 1730 Spruce Street (1914), which is a superb two story version of the Prairie Style.

Although the first modern houses were born in the Midwest with the creation of the Prairie School, this design philosophy migrated to the Bay Area in the early 1900s and has forever changed the face of our domestic architecture.

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Sunny Traditional w/updated kitchen & 3+bdms/3.5 baths Level to gardens. Close to schools. SUSANNE PAUL
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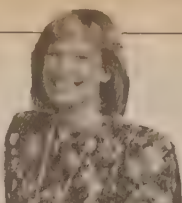
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KAREN SENZIG

Piggyback option

There are many people out there who purchased their homes with low down payments or who suffered from depreciation in the last few years. Many would like to take advantage of today's lower fixed interest rates but are uncertain whether they can refinance with little or no equity. While this is not the easiest of refinances, there are a few options.

Streamline refi

First if your current loan is insured by the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) or Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), you may qualify for a streamline refinance even if you have no equity in the property.

In most cases, all you need to prove is that you will be lowering

your monthly payment. If you are changing from an adjustable-rate loan into a fixed rate loan, you may qualify even if your monthly payment goes up slightly. It's one of the advantages to a government insured mortgage.

If you don't have an FHA or VA loan and have at least 5 percent equity, you may be able to find a lender willing to refinance at a rate lower than what you're currently paying.

Start with your lender with whom you have a strong relationship or find a Mortgage Broker to help you find a lender.

PMI often a must

With 5 percent equity, there are plenty of lenders who will refinance your first trust deed at

today's lower fixed interest rates but they will insist on primary mortgage insurance (PMI) coverage which you will pay until you pay down the mortgage or the property appreciates so that the loan to the property value is 80 percent or below.

Another possible solution to cutting your monthly payment is a so called "piggy back" loan, which is a popular method for getting rid of PMI on your loan. If you came into a transaction with little money down, you are probably familiar with PMI.

You'll need about 5 percent equity to do a piggy back if you want the lowest interest rates, however there are lenders who will do 100 percent loan to value. You may even be able to get a no point, no fee loan that will lower your monthly payment.

For example

Here's how it works: Let's say you have a \$190,000 adjustable rate loan with a monthly payment of \$1600 including \$1460 for the loan (at 8.5 percent) and \$140 for PMI.

The piggyback loan is actually two loans: a fixed rate first trust deed for about 80 percent of the home value and a second trust deed for about 15 percent of the home value that "piggybacks" the first. (Remember you have the remaining 5 percent in equity.)

Because the first loan is for 80 percent of the home value, you avoid PMI.

Based on current interest rates (about 8.375 percent in today's market for a no-cost first trust deed and 10 percent for a no cost second trust deed) your new total monthly payment would be \$1480. That's about \$120 less than your old payment. In addition, the entire interest on the new monthly payment is tax deductible, unlike PMI.

Today's Indices: Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARM's) are based on an index plus a margin. Some of July indices are:

- the 11th District Cost of Funds (COFI), 4.864 (Change, up .042);
- the one year T-Bill, 5.65 (Change, down .110);
- the 6 month CD, 5.44;
- the London InterBranch Offered Rate (LIBOR), 5.843 (down .032);
- the LAMA (annualized LIBOR), 5.534 (Change up .017);
- the Wall Street Journal Prime, 8.5 percent.

Karen Senzig is Co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 339-8511, fax 339-3814, e-mail at ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion.

Some help with tuition

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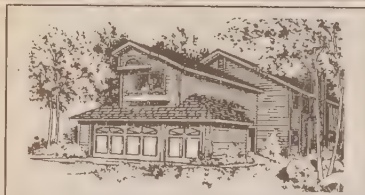
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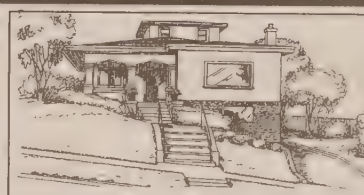
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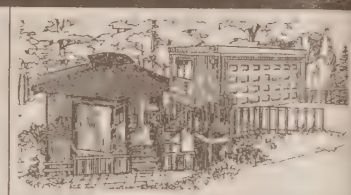
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Most of us don't think about water heaters as long as we get water when we need it. Home inspectors often find significant problems with gas-fired water heaters. An improperly installed water heater can spill toxic gases, start a fire or damage your home by leaking water.

Water heater

A gas-fired water heater located in a garage, or in a room that opens to the garage floor, should be located on a sturdy platform so the flame is at least 18 inches above the floor.

Gasoline fumes are heavier than air and will collect near the floor where they could be ignited if the water heater flame is close to the floor.

The water heater should be secured in place with special heavy straps to keep it from moving in an earthquake. Flexible water supply and gas supply connectors should be used as they are less likely to break in an earthquake. The water in the tank may be the source of water if the water pipes in the street break during an earthquake.

Pressure-relief valves

All water heaters should be equipped with temperature and pressure relief valves to prevent a malfunctioning water heater from overheating and exploding. You should find this valve at the top or the side of the water heater.

Check that heater

This valve should have a drain pipe which extends to the exterior of the building, though some jurisdictions allow this pipe to drain on the garage floor. Valve leakage is common and the discharge pipe should terminate where you will easily notice any drips or water flow at the pipe indicating a leaky valve. Leaking valves should be replaced.

Diverting fumes

Fumes from gas-fired water heaters must be carried safely outdoors by a vent piping system. The bottom portion of this vent, called the draft diverter, is typically located at the top of the water heater. The diverter and vent piping can get very hot and its very important to avoid storing any items on or near the water heater.

The best systems use double-wall type-B vents that extend upward through the roof. These vents require a one-inch clearance to combustibles and single wall vent pipes need at least six inches clearance. We often find hot vent pipes located too close to discolored or charred wood which can easily catch fire.

Beware of spillage

Gas spillage in a flue indicates an obstructed or improperly installed vent. Moisture is a by-product of natural gas production and will often cause rusting at the piping near the draft diverter or at the firebox opening at the bottom of the water heater.

Gas spillage is hazardous and you should call your plumber or the local utility company if you suspect this condition. Installing carbon monoxide detectors near all gas-fired appliances is a good safety measure.

Fresh air

Gas-fired water heaters require a source of fresh air to provide oxygen to the flame. A water heater in a closet or confined space such as a laundry room may need to have ducts or openings to the exterior to assure an adequate air supply.

Exhaust fans in laundry rooms can also cause flue gas spillage. An insufficient supply of oxygen can cause the water heater to produce carbon monoxide.

Almost all water heaters eventually fail and leak. Water flowing from a leaky water heater can cause substantial damage, especially if this happens while you are away for the weekend.

New water heaters are usually required to have a catch pan and drain beneath them when installed in areas where leakage could cause damage.

Cool it

Be sure the water from your heater is not so hot that it could scald you, a child, or anyone unable to move quickly out of the way. The preferred temperature is 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Most of us don't think about our water heater until it stops producing hot water when we need it.

Take a look at your water heater now and do a safety check on your own. You may be glad you did.

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Sparkling views of Oakland's Lake Merritt accent Park Bellevue Tower's luxurious appointments.

Enjoy Lake Merritt luxury

New homeowners at Park Bellevue Tower are impressed with all the amenities these affordable luxury condominium view homes on beautiful Lake Merritt have to offer.

The exceptional value of Park Bellevue Tower brought Willa A. back to the East Bay after living in San Francisco. "I found I could get more square footage for less money than I paid for my condominium in The City," says Willa. "Plus, I was able to re-

model to my own specifications, which I have done. I'm thrilled to be living here."

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LEILA GOUGH

The stock market has continued to produce several all-time highs throughout this year, causing many investors and financial experts to ask, "can we still find value in such a high market?" The answer to that question is probably yes, and the concept of value investing is the simple reason why.

Though past performance cannot guarantee future results, successful investors such as Warren Buffett have accumulated a significant portion of their investment assets by finding those companies that fit within the value investing philosophy. Here are some of the criteria used in finding value investing candidates:

Free cash flow

This is defined as the amount of cash available for reinvestment and distribution to stockholders after expenses have been paid and neces-

Value in the bull market

sary expenditures made toward supporting the company's continue long-term growth. A positive outlook for a company's free cash flow is considered a prerequisite for a value investing stock.

Low P/E ratio

A price/earnings (P/E) ratio takes the price of a stock and divides it by the company's earnings per share. This ratio gives you an idea of how much you are paying for a company's earnings power. Generally speaking, stocks with low P/E ratios represent companies or industries that have fallen out of current favor and/or a "low" earnings growth rate. They may be large, established companies with successful records of both earnings and dividend growth.

Low price/book value ratio

Put simply, book value measures a company's total assets minus its total liabilities. If a company has a solid earnings track record, but its stock price is less than its book value, then you may be looking at a value investing candidate. For instance, let us say XYZ corporation, a well-established company in its

industry, has a book value of \$40 per share but its stock currently trades at \$35 per share. Assuming XYZ has met the other criteria, it could be considered a value investing stock.

Cheap price

Value investing opportunities can also occur when a company is temporarily selling at a P/E ratio significantly lower than companies of similar size or in a similar industry with the same growth or earnings outlook.

For example, let us say XYZ corporation is trading at 15 times earnings (\$30 per share price/\$2 earnings per share), similar to its main competitors. Let us then say a national newspaper writes an article that temporarily puts XYZ in an unfavorable light, and XYZ's stock drops to \$24 per share and is now trading at 12 times earnings (\$24 per share/\$2 earnings per share). This situation would allow a value investor to buy shares of this company at a 25 percent discount to companies in XYZ's industry, plus give the investor a chance to see XYZ's earnings and stock price grow over the long term.

Ignore day-to-day changes in the company's stock and focus on your long-term goals.

Patience

Perhaps the biggest factor for value investing is patience — not by the company, but by you. You must be able to ignore day-to-day changes in the company's stock price and focus on how it can help meet your long-term investment goals.

Finding those stocks that meet the value investing criteria can pay off in the long run. You may want to consult your investment professional to see how valuable value investing can be for your portfolio.

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Rates...

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- 80 MAITLAND** - 2 BD, deep lot, possibilities?? \$159,000
- 920 REGENT** - 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA, plus room, large yard \$229,000
- 1135 BISHOP** - Extended family, in-law, 11 yrs old, 2 1/2 & 1 1/2 \$249,000
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Tarpooff...

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I ask Michael what visitors think about the house. He says those in their early 20s to early 30s think it's a great project, really love the old house and enthuse over all the possibilities. In contrast, visitors in their late 30s and 40s groan over the amount of work needed to get the house into shape. They're too busy for house renovation.

And older people, usually retired, say how sorry they are that they don't live nearby; they could come over

and work on the house everyday, would really like doing that.

Deborah has a very busy life. She works and she cares for kids and she is going to school. Deborah has little time to do anything to her house but she has a moisture problem that needs attention. When it rains (and sometimes when it doesn't), she has black mildew on her walls, damp in the wood floors, especially next to the walls.

She's consulted with various people and they have suggested different remedies, some of which Deborah has tried. She got all the dirt away from the foundation sill. That helped.

And she extended the rain gutters, which also improved things. Now, whenever she can find the time, she is digging trenches around the foundation and hoping for a winter that is not as wet as last year's. If trenches don't work, she'll have to have a sump pump installed.

Amanda and Cynthia have recently been gifted with a hot tub by friends who didn't want theirs anymore. All Amanda and Cynthia have to do is go to the friends' house, help get the tub out of a deck, transport it across Berkeley and install it on a concrete pad

in their own yard. They're absolutely up for doing this! They're hoping to have the tub in place and a space for the dogs fenced off from the garden area before fall.

Next week I'll share more of our buyers' adventures: what they're getting done and what they're planning to do.

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WEST COUNTY

- GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE VIEW** \$348,500
El Cerrito 4BR/3BA, 2,600 sq. ft., 2-car garage, nicely remodeled inside but needs some work outside! Relocation forces sale, submit any offer! LLOYD JUNG 526-5143, 644-5215
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Superb remodeled 3BR/2BA home with 2-story master bedroom retreat. Brand new from floor to ceiling, 2318 Tulare, El Cerrito. Open Sunday 2-4. Call! SAM REINDLER 527-9800, 466-5451

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Charming house, in great neighborhood. Move-in condition, bright & cheerful. Updated, large lot, lovely garden. NORAH BROWER 845-0200
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Very clean and cute 2 bedroom cottage near Del Norte BART. Deck and easy care landscaping. VENA FLINT 527-9800, 233-6663

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2BR/2BA, great kitchen, big master suite and hwd flrs. French doors leading to a private level yard, move-in condition. Must see! LLOYD JUNG 526-5143, 644-5215

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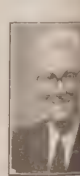
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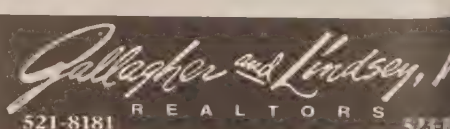


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- \$27,500-\$69,000 320-324 TENTH ST.** Retail/Office condos! Price list & floorplans are available! Tere Lee 521-3352
- \$47,500 1975 81st AVE.** Lot zoned for up to 4 units! Great for contractor! Richard Powell 814-4837
- \$105,000 1534 SEVENTH AVE.** Nice single-level 2BD, 1 1/2BA Victorian near Chinatown! New foundation, upgraded electrical & plumbing. Added bonus room currently used as 3rd BD. Nina Quan 814-4836
- \$109,000 2023 RUTHERFORD.** Nice family neighborhood close to shopping & transportation. 3BD, 2BA, & off-street parking. Steve Sorensen 814-4888
- \$119,500 22 MOSS #101.** New interior paint throughout this 2BD, 2BA condo. Large living room, 2 balconies, secured parking, common courtyard, tree view & elevator! Russ Grant 814-4713
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- \$189,500 1397 ALLMAN.** Bright & sunny cottage on corner lot! This 2BD bungalow has gleaming hardwood floors, huge living room with fireplace, new kitchen, updated kitchen, plus space off garage & yard! Kelly Ann & Gregg Fujita 522-6222
- \$210,000 7953 STERLING.** Single-level 3BD, well-cared-for bungalow, with formal dining room and fireplace, on a large lot! Lovely street & an attached garage! Tere Lee 521-3352
- \$229,000 3707 VIRDEN.** Panoramic view of Mt. Tamalpais, Oakland lights & S.F. Bay! A wonderful tri-level Spanish Mediterranean home with 3BD, 2BA, formal dining, fireplace, hardwood floors, workshop & deck! Martha Turner 814-4828
- \$235,000 376 42nd ST.** Large spacious 2-unit building to be sold "as is." Both units 2BD, 1BA. Termite & roof inspection available. Probate sale. Barbara Bolton 512-2101
- \$250,000 2926 FOOTHILL.** Great potential! Former rest home. 16 BD, 4+ BA, & commercial kitchen. Steve Sorensen 814-4888
- \$259,000 3799 HARRISON.** Single-family Victorian in dilapidated shape. 4BD, 1 1/2BA, formal dining. Lot is zoned for 21 units! Peter Fletcher 523-5750
- \$429,000 3460 REVERE.** Panoramic view of Bay Area! Pristine custom single-level 3BD, 2BA home. Beamed ceilings, large rooms, full decks, level access, den or office. Immaculate! Margaret Lomba 521-7193
- \$101,250 1508 136th AVE.** Immaculate 2BD condo with oversized deck! Fresh paint, ready to move into! In-unit laundry, pets OK, & FHA approved! Marilyn Schumacher 814-4709
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\$149,500 14021 SEAGATE. Upper unit with vaulted ceilings! This 2BD, 2BA condo includes a full kitchen, living room, fireplace & an in-unit TV in the kitchen. Community pool, spa & tennis. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$170,000 14018 OUTRIGGER. Many upgrades in this spotless 2BD, 2 1/2BA condo! Vaulted ceilings, wet bar, storm door, updated faucets, mirrored doors, closet organizers, plus community pool & spa! Tere Lee 521-3352

\$170,000 14317 SEAGATE. Many upgrades are included in this 2BD, 2 1/2BA home! Great location, fireplace, Spanish tiled patio, closet organizers, community pool, spa & tennis. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$186,000 1930 DOLLY. Excellent condition! This 1-level Ranch home includes 3BD, 1BA, updated kitchen, electrical upgrades, alarm system, includes panic & fire alarm! Huge yard & more! Jean Powers 814-4822

\$429,000 1548 DAILY. Full bay view from all rooms! Beautiful single-level 3BD, 2 1/2BA home with formal dining room, family room, built-in grill in kitchen, master BD in private wing, 3-car garage, air conditioning, & security system. Diana Lufofs 521-5008

San Lorenzo

- \$149,000 15962 VIA DEL SOL.** Very clean & light single-level 3BD bungalow! Hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, workshop in garage & large yard. Martha Turner 814-4828

Hayward

- \$113,500 260 FLINT.** An excellent 2BD, 2BA condo with fireplace, modern kitchen, inside laundry & small but nice yard! Peter Fletcher 523-5750

Castro Valley

- \$145,000 19219 VAUGHN.** "As-is" contractor special! Single-level 2BD, 1BA PENDING, mature trees & a large backyard with a large lot! Steve & George Williams 522-7173

Concord

- \$123,500 2999 PONDEROSA.** Single-level 2BD bungalow on a large lot with garage & off-street parking! Newer carpets & new kitchen! Jean Powers 814-4822

San Ramon

- \$205,000 2816 BOWLIN.** Bring your tools to this affordable home! Needs TLC! Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

Out of Area

- \$175,000 2645 EASTLAKE, KELSEYVILLE.** Buckingham Park, middle Clear Lake. Location plus! A ranch-style 3BD, 2BA home with family room, 2 fireplaces, & 2-car garage. Approx 1 acre of natural setting with filtered view of lake! Margaret Lomba 521-7193

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Big view contemp, gourmet kit, fabulous decks, yard. Vicki Woodhead
CREST ROAD, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/3+BA.....\$799,000
Gorgeous lots of light & glass, fam room, den, serene Bonnie Hirsch
GRAVATT DRIVE, CLAREMONT - 4BD/3+BA.....\$795,000
Newly constructed 4-yr old contemp., expansive bay view. Patricia Scott
ABBOTT WAY, PIEDMONT - 4BD/4BA.....\$679,000
Contemp on cu de-sac. SF/GG views 4-car gar. Sandi Klemmer
BERKIDAN, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$675,000
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COUNTRY CLUB, CLAREMONT PINES - 3BD/2+BA.....\$589,000
Bright 1 level privacy, remodeled kit/baths. Wendy Gardner
WOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$559,000
Sleek, tastefully remodeled, kit/fam room, office. Kathy Flynn
AVENUE, BERKELEY - 3BD/3+BA.....\$550,000
Home sales view, new fam room/office, library, garden. Rich Gould
OAKMORE ROAD, OAKMORE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$389,000
Pristine, spacious Tudor, kit/fam rm, bsmt, gar. Lee Jacobson

6719 CHELTON DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$379,000
Immaculate, 7 yrs old, level-in, kit/fam room combo. Diane Earl McCan
6433 WESTOVER DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$349,000
Reduced! Immaculate contemp, fam rm, deck, canyon views. Chuck Corwin
6565 CHELTON DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$315,000
New listing! Level-in, move-in cond, expansive canyon views. Kirk Phillips
7122 HOMEWOOD, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$279,000
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4751 DAVENPORT, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA.....\$235,000
New listing! Sunny, SF bay view, large yard, 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner
129 THOUSAND OAKS, SEQUOYAH HTS - 2+BD/2BA.....\$215,000
New listing! SF/bridge views, spacious fam rm, deck & yard. Robyn Mohr
4362 BENNETT PLACE, REDWOOD HTS - 2BD/1BA.....\$209,500
New listing! Spacious fam rm, bonus rm, tree views, yard. Diane E. McCan
75 SHADOW MOUNTAIN, SEQUOYAH HTS - 3BD/2 BA.....\$209,000
New listing! Sweeping bay views, new carpet/paint, 2-car gar. Robyn Mohr
3900 ENOS AVENUE, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA.....\$182,500
New listing! Charming bungalow w/ant deco touches, yard. Lee Jacobson
16075 CAROLYN, SAN LEANDRO - 2BD/1BA.....\$159,000
New listing! Bay views, light, spacious rooms, great yard. Michelle Miller

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Completely restored 7+BD/5+BA home on beautifully landscaped lot. State-of-the-art kit, library, pool & spa. Georgia Cornell
CLAREMONT PINES MEDITERRANEAN.....\$1,175,000
Gorgeous new custom home - spacious & grand! Full of light, garden gate view, 5BD/4+BA, huge bonus room. Dee Knowland
WINNING NEW HOME.....\$999,000
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MAGNIFICENT SF VIEW HOME.....\$795,000
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CLAREMONT PINES COLONIAL.....\$699,000
Beautiful custom home with lovely landscaped gardens. 4BD/3BA, fabulous master suite, large family room. Dee Knowland
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The most desirable lot in Ridgemont! 8 acre, foundation & surrounding walls in place, house plans available. Robyn Mohr
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Gorgeous 9-year old home featuring 3BD/2+BA, gourmet kit, master suite, beautiful floors throughout. Dick Cohen
WOODED SETTING - MONTCLAIR.....\$379,000
Situated throughout with wonderful amenities! 3BD/3BA, lg fam room opens to creek-side deck, hwd floors. Chuck Corwin

SUNNY AREA OF MONTCLAIR.....\$375,000
Gracious traditional in great location! 4BD/2+BA, formal DR, family room leads to deck and swimming pool area. Nancy Chew
ALL LEVEL LIVING!.....\$369,000
Former model home in Ridgemont! 3BD/2+BA, spacious family room, 2 frpls, huge patio/garden areas, 3-car gar. Robyn Mohr
CANYON VISTAS - MONTCLAIR.....\$335,000
Custom 3BD/2BA, private setting, beam ceilings, full length deck, patio, hot tub, great separation of space. Nancy Chew
NEW PRICE - CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$299,000
Charming trad on one of Crocker's most prestigious streets. 3BD/1BA, ultimate cook's kitchen, level yard. Teri Carlisle
QUIET CUL-DE-SAC.....\$219,500
Impeccable condition, sunny & charming. 2BD/1+BA, hwd floors, spacious rooms, private patio. Helen Danhaki 547-5750
CHARMING NORMANDY COTTAGE.....\$219,000
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Events

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Red Oak Gallery hosts an exhibition by local artist Karen Gault through September 26. The show reflects Karen's 28 years of exploring and developing a style influenced by improvisational dance, Chinese brush painting, photo realism and impressionism. To view or purchase her paintings stop by the gallery in Red Oak Realty's offices at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley. To enjoy a sample of her work without leaving home. Log onto Red Oak Realty's Web site: www.redoakrealty.com. Call 527-3387 for more information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., Aug. 2 the center presents **Painting: Tricks of the Trade** with painting contractor Scott Perry. Craftsman Hal Howard and contractor, Tim Margretts host the two-day **Hardwood Floor Refinishing** on Sat., Aug 2 and Sun., Aug. 3. Local educator and expert Jim Rosenau presents **Stucco Repair: Hands-On** on Sun. Aug. 3. Timber-frame contractor Doug Easton presents **Timber Framing Ancient and Modern**, Mon. Aug. 4. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Call 845-0511 for more information.

The Small Business Association (SBA) is hosting a series of workshops called **Meet Successful Small Business Owners**. Successful small business owners, bankers and corporate executives have joined with the SBA to strengthen small business in Oakland. The next workshop **Maximize Your Cash Flow** will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tues. August 5 at the One Stop Capital Shop, 519 17th St. in Oakland. Call 273-6020 for information on this or any of the upcoming workshops.

Dimond District real estate will be the focus of the **Dimond Improvement Association** meeting 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wed., Aug 6 at the Dimond library, 3565 Fruitvale Ave. in Oakland. Sandi Klemmer and Dick Cohen from Pacific Union Residential Brokerage will present residential real estate trends and tips. Tom Stenstrom of Kinder Corp. and Greg Labarte of Grubb & Ellis will discuss commercial real estate management. Heather Hensley from the City of Oakland will outline the city's efforts to assist communities with commercial revitalization.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Basic Compost Workshop**, 2 to 4 p.m. Sat. Aug. 9 at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste and transform trash into fertilizer. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

Cal Fed presents a series of free **Brown Bag Lunch Time Home Buyer Seminars**. The seminars are held the third Fri. of each month. The dynamic Nate Brooks of RE/MAX in Motion will present **Seven Powerful Strategies to Save Thousands When Buying a House**, 12:10 p.m., Fri., Aug. 15 at Cal Fed, 1325 Broadway in Oakland. These seminars will teach you the exact steps you'll need to protect yourself when buying a home. Call Gary Robinson at 530-4789 or Ivory Hart at 834-3392 for more information.

Product displays, a tool sale, a raffle prizes and hot dogs will highlight Truitt and White Lumber's **August Product and Fair and Tool Sale**, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wed., Aug 20

Catherine Teegarden of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 28 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k) fixer-uppers. Owner-occupants can buy for 5 percent down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Investor loans are discussed. Realtors, homebuyers, nonprofit organizations and investors are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer programs get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a list of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

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Luxury...

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The luxurious amenities at Park Bellevue Tower include a heated indoor/outdoor pool, a fully equipped fitness center with both men's and women's saunas and a spacious club room. There is also a doorman on duty 24 hours a day and an on-site private parking garage.

Home buyers appreciate Park Bellevue Tower's convenient location. "I can walk to many wonderful restaurants to see a movie at the Grand Lake Theater without having to get in my car," says Charles. "I have close access to all freeways and can be in San Francisco in as little as 15 minutes. If I don't want to drive, I can take a bus or walk to the BART station. Park Bellevue Tower allows me to live virtually inside a great park and be right in the middle of a large metropolitan city at the same time."

Homeowner Barbara P. says, "When I first visited the models, I thought, 'What a spectacular place to live.' It's so convenient, the views are panoramic and you're right in the middle of the city. After moving in I now fully realize just how great the location and these views really are. The nights are so incredible that I hate to go to bed; the mornings so sunny and inspiring that I hate to sleep in."

Park Bellevue Tower's furnished models and sales information center are open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Take I-580 east from the Bay Bridge to the Grand Avenue exit, turn right on Grand and continue one-half mile to Perkins, turn left on Perkins to Park Bellevue Tower on Oakland's Lake Merritt. Call 433-1900 for more information.

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Homes that are maintained in top condition hold their value better than homes that are left to deteriorate. So, one of the first things you should do after you settle into your new home is to establish a home maintenance routine.

Study the inspection reports you had done before you bought the home. Make a list of all the repairs that the sellers didn't complete before closing that still need fixing.

If it's not possible to complete all the repairs at once, prioritize the items. Complete the ones that need the most urgent attention first. The inspector who examined the property for you may be willing to help you prioritize the list if you feel too inexperienced to do this yourself.

Don't make the mistake of indefinitely postponing needed re-

Take care of that precious asset

pairs until small problems develop into major projects. If you received a credit from the sellers at closing in lieu of having a defect repaired, schedule this work as soon as possible. Often buyers use such a credit to pay for some of their closing costs instead and then neglect to get the repair work done.

Make a thorough examination of your home each year before the rainy season begins. Patch and seal voids and cracks in the exterior to keep water out. Make sure doors and windows are watertight. Have the roof checked for needed repairs, and clean gutters and down spouts. Make sure that water (roof and ground runoff) is directed away from the foundation.

Check beneath the house during the rainy season to see if water accumulates and look for standing water around the exterior of the foundation. Call a drainage expert, if necessary, to make recommendations about how you can improve the drainage system.

Make sure your furnace and fireplace are in good repair. Replace batteries in smoke detectors and recharge fire extinguishers on a regular basis.

Ask the sellers for the names

and phone numbers of people (plumbers, roofers, electricians, gardeners) who have routinely worked on your home. Find out if the sellers would use them again. These professionals have the benefit of knowing the property intimately.

Your real estate agent might also be able to recommend someone to you. If you are using people that don't come highly recommended, make sure you check their references.

Plan to have termite inspections done every few years, and take care of minor problems before they become major. Keep bathroom and kitchen tile and fixtures well grouted and caulked. Repair all plumbing leaks.

Painting and sealing is an important part of home maintenance. However, the mere thought of having to paint the entire interior of your home is enough cause you to put it off forever. So the job doesn't become too overwhelming, plan to paint one room of your home each year.

The same approach can work for exterior painting: paint one

side of the house each year. Sometimes, one side of a house gets more sun exposure than the others and will need paint more often.

Townhouse and condominium owners worry less about home maintenance than single family residential owners do because the homeowner's association takes care of many of the exterior maintenance items. However, even if there's a homeowner's association, the individual unit owners may still be responsible for their own roof, drainage system, deck, bathroom, kitchen and interior repairs.

Check with the homeowner's association to determine who's responsible for what repairs. You will want to take an active interest in how common area repairs are handled. Those areas need to be well-maintained in order to preserve your investment.

In addition to preserving your investment, sticking to a good home maintenance program will also make it easier for you to get your home ready to market, if you decide to sell and move on.

Keep a log of all the improve-

One of the things you should do after you settle into your new home is establish a home maintenance routine.

ments and repairs you during your period of ownership. This will come in handy, sell because it will document a regime of good home care for the new buyers.

Dian Hymer is a marketing broker associated with a well known office and authoring and Selling a Home in California, and "Starting Complete Home Buyer" both from Chronicle Books. Der copies from Innan 775-4662.

Gardening books to loan

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center Inc. has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture.

The library has 300 reference books available for use at the library and 900 circulating books that circulate for a period of 30 days.

The books are available to all Bay Area residents for the small annual fee of \$2.

The library, located in the Garden Center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, is open Thursdays 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays).

The public is invited to use the library and the other Garden Center facilities.

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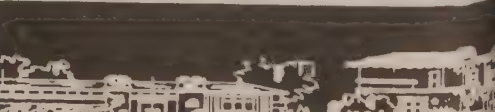
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- 6431 BROOKSIDE, Upr Rockridge, newly built 4bd/3ba, walk BART Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978
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- 901 PARAMOUNT, Crocker, trad'l beauty, updated, 3bd, \$reduced Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, N. Hinkley 644-5440
- 5560 COUNTRY CLUB, Claremont Pines 3/2+, new listing! 1 level Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 6232 WOOD DR, Beautiful 4bd/2+3ba, bay view, great buy! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442
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- 668 LIGGETT DR, Montclair, lovely trad'l, frml LR/DR, family rm The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- 34 OVAL RD, off Pinewood Rd. Custom, 4 yrs old, 3bd/2ba on cul-de-sac. Double lot. Owner 547-8173 Make Offer \$499,500
- 4857 PROCTOR, Upper Rockridge, Trad. elegance, FDR, 2+bd/2+ba, gourmet oak kitchen. Terry De Young, Broker 462-7792 SAT/SUN 2-4:30
- 7081 ELVERTON, 4bd/3ba sophisticated contemp, woody setting Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine 644-5412
- 28 MASONIC PL, Upper Rockridge, 3/2 updt'd ranch, hill & bay vw Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
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- 6622 GLEN OAKS, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, custom, hilltop, pano vws Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400
- 19 HAWKS HILL, Hiller Highlands, 3bd/2ba w/5-bridge view \$439,000 Mason-McDuffie 445-0211, Gayle Tantau 652-9881 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 5833 McANDREW DR, Montclair, 4+bd/3ba, super neighborhood Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-2109
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- 4016 OAKMORE RD, 3bd/1+ba, new listing! spacious tudor, bsmt \$389,000
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- 6719 CHELTON DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba, level-in, kit/fam combo \$379,000
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- 11177 ELVESSA ST, 3/2 ranch, Chabot Highlnds, grt for entertaining \$369,500
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- 5910 LASALLE, Montclair 3bd, 2+ba, hdwds, fam rm, deck, patio Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Vicki Friedman 898-9406
- 5834 MERRIEWOOD DR, Montclair, 2+bd/2ba, level pvt lot w/bay vw \$349,000
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- 6433 WESTOVER DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, canyon vws, fam rm, deck \$349,000
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- 2639 CAMINO LENADA, Piedmont Pines, 5bd/2ba charming trad'l Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8648
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- 864 SANTA RAY, Crocker 3bd/3b, lovely Medit, orig. tile & wdwork Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653
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- 6879 BRISTOL DR, Claremont Hills, sunfilled 3/2 contemp, hm office The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- 21 CHATSWORTH CT, Southwest charml 2+bd/2b, renovated, FDR Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfelner 339-1174
- 112 GLENWOOD GLADE, Rockridge, 4+bd/2+ba, large family rm, creekside setting. Valva RE, Michael Valva 451-7317
- 5732 COLTON, New listing in Montclair, 3bd/2+ba w/mstr, Indscpd Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100
- 4050 SEQUOYAH RD, (off Mountain Bl), 4/3 Spanish villa, pool/patio Better Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778
- 1800 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair, charming 2/1, FDR, artist studio The GRUBB Company, Debbi DiMaggio 339-0400
- 2989 BUTTERS DR, Crestmont, 2bd/2ba, den, fam rm, sauna, hills Better Homes, Jan Neff 339-8900
- 2413 POTOMAC AV, Mormon Temple, nw construction, 4/3, the best! \$318,000 Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Lois Harris 287-2521
- 5655 CHELTON DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, level in, canyon views \$315,000 Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 1701 ARROWHEAD, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, just listed! downslope yd Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 4383 TERRABELLA, Montebello Terrace, 3bd/2+ba home Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205
- 549 ROSAL AVE, Lakeshore, 2+bd/2ba, adorable craftsman Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 6064 COLTON, Move in condition! 3/2, sunken LR, huge mstr, decks \$299,500 Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780
- 4656 FAIR AVE, Oakland Hills, mstr suite on main level, 4/2 up Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174
- 5671 STATES DR, Montclair, EZ freeway access, 3/2, great yd Wells & Bennett, Patsy Buhler 287-5910
- 6931 PINEHAVEN, Lg lot, very spacious contemporary, 3/2+ \$289,000 Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

- 3724 BALFOUR, Lakeshore, 3+2, super level out deck & sunny yd The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400
- 7122 HOMEWOOD, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, plus rm, light & airy, decks Pacific Union, Ann Nicols 339-6460
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- 6821 THORNHILL, 2bd/1+ba contemporary w/canyon view Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Cheryl St. Clair 339-2626
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- 5230 SHAFTER, Rockridge, 2bd, FDR, fireplace, hdwds, EIK, garage Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010
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- 3222 SYLVAN, Laurel, cute 3/2 craftsman on cul-de-sac, garden The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 677 SANTA RAY, Crocker Highlands, 2bd/1+ba, what a gem! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290
- 4228 TERRACE ST, Piedmont Ave, grt 2bd w/updated kit/ba, decks Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary McNeill 256-4233
- 4373 STEELE ST, 4bd/2ba, See the sweeping view priced right! Kane & Associates 523-6058, Patrick Ng 736-7651 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 129 THOUSAND OAKS, Sequoyah Hts, 2+2, SF/bridge vws, deck Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 5515 BROADWAY, 2bd/1ba bungalow, close to College Ave Gadsby & Associates, Catherine 748-5300
- 1808 PLEASANT VALLEY AVE, 2bd/1ba, walled in privacy, charml Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036
- 4362 BENNETT PL, Redwood Hts 2bd/1ba, new listing! fam rm, yd Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- 75 SHADOW MOUNTAIN, Sequoyah Hts 3/2+, new listing! bay vw Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-1174
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Placing it in context

Modern architectural theory dictated architects to design buildings based on ideas that had little to do with the location of the building. In the '50s and '60s, when modern architecture took off and became popular it became obvious that buildings where being built around the world that did not fit in their environment.

At that point many architects began that abandoning the conceptual framework of modern architecture added a new concept of contextualism. Contextualism basically acknowledged the specificity of the site and responded to it.

So presumably if you were building a new house between two Victorian homes in San Francisco the response would be different from designing a home in an environment of glass boxes in Manhattan. Most architects today talk extensively about context in developing their thoughts on design a specific project.

This kind of contextual evaluation deals with what I call "physical context" — but what of the mental images that we carry in our heads that forms our own frame of reference.

One of the great early proponents of modern architecture, Adolf Loos, sat in Vienna at the turn

of the century and proclaimed that "ornament is crime."

As an architecture student in New York City in the '70s, I didn't agree with him. But I have little doubt that if I sat with him over coffee at some little restaurant in turn-of-the-century Vienna, I would probably be inclined to agree.

Given the same architectural problem, Adolf Loos and I would develop different solutions and part of that would have to do with our "mental context"

My observation as primarily a residential architect, designing personal work for individuals, is that all of us have an internal visual context that I call "mental context."

In line with the recognition of "mental context" is the question of whether buildings should respond to the physical context of the site but also the "mental context" of the client? I think that buildings unquestionably should.

On its simplest level most owners make mention of styles they like — traditional or modern, Mediterranean, Craftsman or

The same form does not look the same too all of us because our visual associations are not the same.



by Buzz Bertolero

whatever may appeal to them.

Beyond that I find it helpful if owners show me art work, furnishings, housewares — anything that they like — the style of a vase or set of silverware can suggest solutions for a building.

Some owners have memories of a house from childhood that was particularly nice, or memories of a neighborhood that they once lived in.

All of us are store houses of visual memories and those memories effect how we perceive houses and other built form. As we acknowledge those memories and incorporate them into the design process interesting ideas can evolve between an architect and an owner.

One important aspect of this discussion is to realize that the same form does not look the same to all of us because our visual associations are not the same.

Recognizing our visual tastes and biases are a good first step to developing personal solutions to architectural problems.

John Ploss is a San Francisco architect with 20 years experience who specializes in residential work. Call him at (415) 626-8790.

Q: My African violets are happy and blooming profusely. I want to report them to bigger pots but found that this is a no-no; they like to be crowded. So now they are growing out of the pot and are top heavy from the thick stems in the pots. What do I do now?

A: African violets do like to be crowded. However, they can be repotted frequently, every eight months, into the same pot. The correct pot size for a mature standard African violet is one-third of the diameter of the plant.

Older plants will produce long, unsightly stems, called necks. To make these plants attractive, transplant them into a deeper pot and add fresh soil around the necks until the bottom row of leaves is at the same level as the rim of the pot.

African violets will produce new roots along the buried stem. If you have multiple crowns, you may wish to separate these plants and transplant them into a small pot.

Q: We planted a peach tree in a half wine barrel 18 years and set it on top of an old tree stump. Today the roots are growing through the bottom of the barrel and down into the old crumbly stump. The roots are huge. What do we do to save the tree? Since the barrel is also falling apart, would you recommend a stone wall

Taking care of African violets

around the tree?

quite a bit of afternoon sun?

A: Remove what is left of the old wine barrel, then build a new container around the existing root ball. But first be sure to score the root ball with a knife or pruning shears to break the circle pattern of the roots.

Once the new container is built, fill it with a commercial potting soil and tamp this down firmly. Leave a two to three inch gap at the top for holding water. Because the roots are very marred, add some Water Wet to the water. This

A: All large-leaf ivies will take full sun. The brown spots that look bleached out in the center are caused by heat scorch. Ivy leaves will also scorch from water stress, so there is a need to be an irrigation system in place. Spots caused by water stress are random in size from a penny on up.

If the spots are small and dark purple or brown and the center of the spot falls out, the cause is a bacterial leaf disease the attacks the new growth. After the rainy

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product breaks the surface tension barrier and allows water to penetrate the root and prevents water from rolling around and out the sides of the container.

Q: We are having problems with the hill in our back yard. By the end of summer, the large-leaf ivy leaves have little brown speckles and it looks terrible. We are redoing the retaining wall and are considering removing the ivy.

We want to plant a ground cover that will grow over the wall and we want something that will be low maintenance. If ivy is the best solution, can you provide the name of a hardy variety that can take

season we see this on ivy banks that are watered in the late afternoon and evening hours. Ivy is best watered when temperatures are rising.

I suggest you plant woolly grevillea, grevillea lanigera Mount Tamboritha 12 to 18 inches tall, spreading six-foot wide. From February to April, this ivy will grow creamy pink flowers that attract hummingbirds.

Listen to Buzz Bertolero, the Dirt Gardener, Saturdays, 6 - 8 a.m., on KNBR 68, "The Sports and Gardening Leader." His e-mail address is dirtgarden@aol.com. Visit his web site: www.dirtgarden.com.

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The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

37 SHARON AVE, Lovely colonial, 4/3, rumpus, garden, SF/bay vw \$799,000
The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400

36 CREST RD, 3+bd/3+ba, elegant, level-in, fam rm, den, serene \$799,000
Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

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Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Hedi Perrett 644-5403

185 WILDWOOD AVE, 4+bd/2+ba stately Tudor, new on market \$709,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000

14 ABBOTT WAY, 4bd/4ba, quality contemp, cul-de-sac, SF/GG vw \$679,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

131 RICARDO AVE, Totally renovated trad'l, 3/3, EIK, rumpus, gdn \$598,000
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600 AMADOR, Richmond View, 3bd, LR w/fireplace, FDR, new \$199,500
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SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday
446 E. MERLE Ct, 2bd/1b Spanish Med bungalow, Old World Charm \$191,950
Gadsby & Associates, Leigh 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

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■ Goings On About Town

Children

Aug 4
Girls' Basketball Camp: 1 - 4 p.m.; The University Village Recreation Program is offering a Basketball Camp exclusively for girls ages 11 - 13 through Aug. 8; 524-4926; \$75

Ongoing
Capoeira with Mestra Ra: Monday and Wednesday 4 - 5:15 p.m.; through August 27; Capoeira is a combination of interpretive dance, martial arts and indigenous music; 12 summer sessions for children ages 7 - 12; Now Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio, 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7 - \$9.

Martial Arts for Kids: 5:45 - 6:45, Monday through Thursday; instruction in genuine aiki-jujutsu for ages 5 - 14, one month free with the purchase of a quality \$31 uniform; Sennin foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 10323 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito; 526-7518.

Berkeley Public Library
July 31; 2 p.m.; West Branch: Wearable Art; bring a white T-shirt and create your own custom design with a wide variety of fabric pens.

Magic Shows: See Magic Dan, prestidigitator extraordinaire, turn a jar of peanut butter into a jar of jelly; Aug. 5; 2 p.m. Claremont Branch; Aug. 6; 11 a.m. Central Library; 3:30 North Branch; Aug. 7; 11 a.m. West Branch; 3 p.m. South Branch.

For more information on these free programs, call 649-3943.

Lawrence Hall of Science
Aug. 6; noon - 2 p.m.; Cola Chemistry; that famous cola maker guards its recipe well, but LHS will give you the clues to make the real thing at home.

UC Berkeley, Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak, Berkeley; 642-5123; \$6/\$4/\$2.

Hall of Health — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

"This is Your Heart!" An interactive exhibit on heart health; Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 549-1564.

Museum of Children's Art: The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where any child has access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA gallery exhibits art created by children locally, nationally and internationally, while the art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, camps, field trips or on their own.

Classes

July 31
"Stretching and Massage"; 7 - 8:30

p.m.; East Bay Judo Institute class on stretching to gain flexibility, easy to learn with life long benefits; 11165 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito; 237-0607; \$50 (half price for currently enrolled Judo students and families).

Upcoming
KPFA Apprenticeship Program; application deadline Aug. 8; a 12-month affirmative action training program geared to bring women and people of color into Pacifica Radio; the focus will be on music, drama and literature, and engineering; KPFA Apprenticeship Program, 1929 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, 94704; 848-6767 extension 605.

Ongoing
Health, Fitness & Community Education; classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

Salsa Lessons; 7 - 8 p.m., beginners, 8 - 9 p.m. intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrer Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

Pacific School of Religion
July 31; In Living Echoes; women's faith journeys in song, written and performed by Nancy Hall.

Aug. 6; Tell Me Something I Can't Forget; an award-winning documentary film and discussion with Pat Schneider (repeat of July 30 program).
1798 Scenic Ave; all classes start at 7 p.m., fee \$8

No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio
Tribal Bellydance with "Luna" Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

World Beat Workout by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7 - \$9.

Community Events

Aug. 5
Berkeley Community Media Orientation; 6:30 p.m.; free orientation to show Berkeley residents how to use the resources at Berkeley's public access television center; field & edit video class begins Aug. 13; \$25 membership fee; Rick Sylvain, 848-2288.

Ongoing

Fifty-Plus Fitness Association; 8:45 a.m.; second Sunday of each month; three mile walk/run, wear good running or walking shoes, all levels of ability are welcome, coffee meeting at a nearby restaurant afterward; Tilden Park, Inspiration Point; 530-2790.

Volunteers needed; Women's Cancer Resource Center needs compassionate volunteers to assist women with cancer, summer training to work on the information and referral hotline and on the one-to-one in-home support program will be held over four weekend mornings, July 19, 20, 26, and 27; deadline for application is July 10; WCR, 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 548-9272.

Volunteers needed; Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Seeking Volunteers; Help East Bay children who face loss and serious illness within their families. *Pediatric* Care volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges; 32 hour training begins Sept. 6; 208-3535.

Friends of Marjia Foundation; asking to help bring a documentary film about the life and work of the late archaeologist Marjia Gimbutas, one of the most influential and controversial women of this century, Reclaiming "Friends of Marjia Project" P.O. Box 410187, San Francisco, 94141-0187.

Class of 77 Reunion; El Cerrito High class of 77 is looking for you. Aug. 30 is the 20 year reunion date for the ECHS class of 77. If you, or someone you know, graduated in 1977 and did not receive an invitation please phone Liz Hamala or Mark Canepa at 525-3266.

Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center
July 31; 11 a.m.; Health with Catherine Flowers, CMT; Self Massage Techniques; Great Books Discussion of Death in Venice by Thomas Mann (please do the reading).
Aug. 7; 9:30 - 11 a.m.; Storytelling.



On a street where you live

'Stockton Avenue Intersection, El Cerrito,' an acrylic on canvas, is one of the works by El Cerrito, Lin Salamo picturing streets in El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington and Berkeley that will be on display at Britt-Marie's, the popular cafe and wine bar at 1369 Solano Ave. in Albany. The artist's realist paintings reflect her interest in color and light, as well as in often-overlooked elements of the urban landscape: the graphic notes provided by telephone wires, street signs and road markings.

Nina Serrano of Stagebridge Senior Theatre tells stories, first Thursday potluck lunch will be served.

Call for the regular weekly schedule.
Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center
July 31; 1 p.m.; The Top Ten Reasons for Moving into Senior Housing with Lara Garden.

Aug. 1; 1 p.m.; video opera, "Rossini C'Italiana In Algeria" part 1

Aug. 4; 1:15 p.m.; Classical Piano Concert with Steve Arnston

Aug. 5; 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.; East Bay Paratransit ID photos

Aug. 6; 1 p.m.; Birthday Party for August Birthdays

Aug. 7; 1 p.m.; video movie, "Sneakers" Aug. 7; Sausalito Trip; Bay Model, Conkrite Museum, etc.; \$13.

Call for support groups and special services.

1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6107

Exhibits

Aug. 1
Photography; through Sept. 12; Kira Chuchom, Liz Corden, Maniell Daniel, Shelly Ercog, Bill gimbel, Kent Hasel, Beth Kientzle, Jan Potts, George Protos, Robert Schwein, Abby Zimberg.

"I Never Met a Color I Didn't Like"; through Sept. 2; artist reception Aug. 1; an exhibit of quilts by Freddy Moran; New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley, 94707.

Aug. 2
Art Huang; through Aug. 31; an exhibit of recent paintings, artist reception Aug. 6, 5-7 p.m.; The University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way at Bowditch, Berkeley; (415) 431-3925

Ongoing
Sticks Fine Art Gallery; Carol Aust paintings and Liz Maxwell paintings and etchings; through Sept. 10; artist reception Aug. 15; 1579B Solano Ave., Berkeley; 526-6603.

Sensations in Steel: Transformative Steel Sculpture; Darrn Tennesen presides over Clockwork Orange studio of steel; through August 15; artist reception July 19 from 6 - 8 p.m.; Albany Arts Gallery, 1251 Solano Avenue at Masonic

Faces; through Aug. 1; new paintings by Deborah Rogin at the Rendez-Vous Cafe, 1389 Solano Ave., Albany; 526-6069; Tuesday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Stan Peterson; sculpture and furniture, through August 10; artist reception on July 16; 6 - 8 p.m.; ZIA Houseworks, 1310 Tenth St., Berkeley; 528-9224

"The Use of Words;" new drawings and paintings on paper by Matthew Offenbacher; through August 3; Espresso Roma Gallery, 1549 Hopkins St., North Berkeley

Elaine B. Cole; "Painting in Circles" oil on canvas; through July 25; Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany; 524-0291.

David Bacon; Photographs of the Pearl Ubungen Dancers & Musicians and the Tenderloin Dance project in rehearsal and performance; through July 31; Cafe Firenze, 2116 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 549-0291

Figures; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday; Robert Horning, Titia Gudde, Otto Rojas; through July 27; Viva Gallery, 1440 University Ave., Berkeley.

"A Year of Quilts;" an exhibit of quilts by Mabry Benson; through July 29; New Piece, 1597 Solano Avenue, Berkeley; 6779

Jews, Germany, Memory graphs by Edward Serotta. In the Berlin-based photographer's thought-provoking photos and the future of Jewish life in communist Germany; through Oct. 1. Magnes Museum, 2911 R. Berkeley; 549-6950

La Peña Cultural Center
Through Aug. 3; Balance of Awareness of Power, photos, Kristina Ruiz-Healy
Through Aug. 3; Earth Tones, cultural art show exploring the human connections
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 5268

Lectures and Workshops

July 31
Big Mountain Dineh (Navajo) p.m. potluck; 7 p.m. presentation of Blackgoat and her son Blackgoat discuss and answer about the state of the Hopi and Fellowship Hall, Cedar & Bond; donation

Aug. 3
Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism; 3 - 5 p.m.; talks on Buddhist philosophy, art and meditation; Kum Nye demonstration, Pranayama and meditation garden tour. Also **Buddhist Psychology;** 6 - 8 p.m.; "How to Transform Negative Emotions" by Sylvia Gretchen. Buddhist psychology and practices help us understand and transform negative emotions. Institute, 1815 Highland Place; 843-6812.

Ongoing
Discussion Group for Holocaust Survivors; 6:30 - 8 p.m.; eight week discussion group, include the experience and legacy of a survivor family, sharing feelings about the Holocaust, family members about the Jewish identity and other topics; est to the group; through Aug. Jewish Family & Children's Service, East Bay, 2484 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; advanced registration. See GOINGS ON.

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As part of its 16th Harvest Wine Celebration Aug. 31-Sept. 1, the LVWGA will be collecting your stories about kitchen and entertaining incidents and anecdotes. The 20 best disaster stories will be read over radio station KKIQ (FM 101.7) and qualify for a dinner with a vintner...

Submissions of 100 words or less should be sent to the LVWGA, 1984 Railroad Ave., Livermore 94550 or faxed to 447-0433 no later than Aug. 15. For more info call 447-WINE. Tix for the Harvest Celebration can be purchased at any of the wineries in the valley or by calling the same number...

Speaking of Livermore, The Maven had dinner at a tiny trattoria on First Street called Gio last week. No air conditioning here so salads are the order of the day — Pomodoro e Mozzarella with lots of tomatoes and Frutti de Mare with a whole bunch of fresh squid, are just the ticket here. 606-6644 for resies...

The Maven's friend, Stu Smith, along with Sally Gordon will team up Aug. 2 for a winemaker dinner featuring the wines of Smith-Madrone Winery at Sally's Gordon's in Yountville (the former home of Albert Katz, who used to have the wonderful Broadway Terrace Cafe). Not only will Smith provide the wines, the dinner will also feature produce from Smith-Madrone's Spring Mountain property. Cost is \$75. Call 944-8246. College Avenue's Citron will be among 17 restaurants and a dozen wineries which will be serving at the 3rd annual California wine auction at Wente Vineyards Sparkling Wine Cellars, Aug. 8. Kimball Jones of Wente's Restaurant will be serving a Spanish meal the next night. Tix for both events are \$175 (the pre-auction evening with Citron, et al is \$50). Proceeds go to the ValleyCare Health Library, the Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, and others. Call 456-2300 for more info.

Maven: One who thinks they know everything about something. Got a tip for The Maven? Fax it to 339-4066.

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Audi 5000cc Turbo Quattro, 1987. Alpine CD; loaded. 140K. Excellent condition. \$4000/offer. 510-540-8150/415-816-6960

BMW 533i, 1983. Looks good, runs well, 5 speed, leather interior, 148k miles. \$4000. 510-528-0955

Ford Probe, 1990, 5 speed, great condition, all-weather stereo cassette. Maintenance records. \$3750. 510-339-3423

Honda, Accord LX, 1989, 5-speed, loaded, clean, original owner. \$5400. 814-7310.

Honda Accord XE, 1994 with phone. All power. 26K. Factory warranty. \$15,500. Lind 233-2063

Honda Accord, 1981, automatic, 4 door, new engine/brakes, 1997 amog, good body. \$1250. 839-2576

Impulse turbo, 1986. Four speed automatic, air, 4 disc, cruise, maintenance history. \$2900. 510-465-7421, Peter

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As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements

Boy Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland

URGENT! URGENT!

American host families needed in August for French high school students. Information: 338-1107.

205 Workshops & Classes

Entrepreneurs and Manager's group. Tools for success in your business, improvement in personal effectiveness. Focus on results, innovation, support. Group to meet twice each month for 4 months starting September. Facilitated by Thom Cooper, Management Consultant, Attorney, and Somatic Therapist. Fifth Grade, 510-649-9090

Interim@aol.com. Open house introduction, Friday August 1st, 7 p.m. 1707 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. RSVP no charge

206 Found

BOOKMARK with Menorah motif in Montclair Village 482-0862

FOUND Ring - Saturday, July 19th on Piedmont Ave., near theater. 654-9174.

DOG, male rottweiler on July 16th, near Skyline/Shepherd Canyon Road. 376-6937

FOUND friendly small, long haired, gray female cat. Fluffy tail. Diamond district. July 18th. 530-6694

KITTEN, found July 22nd. Female, black/white, approximately 3 months. Call Leslie 530-4827

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

HELP save a life. Rescued, playful kittens urgently need loving, patient homes. Donation 895-2047.

KITTENS, teenage homeless mother (spayed, healthy, all shots) to good homes. Loveable, pure easily 531-1032

"CLEO", purebred Shepherd, 4 years, housebroken, sweet when familiar, spayed, shots. Needs TLC. Donation: 595-0868

"SAMANTHA" 3 years, DLH, tuxedo, declawed, sole pet. Tested, shots, spayed. Donation 444-3204

"WANDA", DSH, stunning, white, 1 1/2 years. Affectionate. Spayed, tested, shots, abandoned, sole pet. Donation: 444-3204

DARLING, cuddly black kittens, 10 weeks (2). Tested, shots, neuter assistance. Donation. 415-794-1743

TWO loveable kittens, 10 weeks. Tested, shots, after assistance. Need new, loving homes. Donation 534-2343

"MAXIMILLIAN" 6 years, gray/white, DMH, large, playful, independent. Incredibly loving cat. Donation: 658-6799

"BELLA", DSH, Black 1 1/2 years, shy until familiar. Tested, shots, spayed, donation: 261-5957

"RED" 1 1/2 years, Staffordshire Terrier mix, neutered, shots. Affectionate, okay with kids. Donation: 569-9950

FOUR beautiful rescued kittens, 13 weeks; 3001; 444-3204

"JOHNNY", 6 years, DSH, black, loveable. Owner deceased. FIV positive but healthy. Donation: 635-9291

KITTENS!!! (2) rescued, need loving homes. Tested, shots, after assistance. Donation. 758-2831

"GLORIA" 10 weeks, gray, DSH, sweet, affectionate. Tested, shots, spay assistance. Donation. 451-5752

TWO year old, purebred female boxer, spayed, brown color, needs yard. 530-0920. Donation. Rescued.

RAGDOLL cat, rescued year old spayed female, assorted kittens, 8 weeks. Tested, shots. Donation: 482-2787

FEMALE Dog: young Spayed, all shots. Should have been with other dogs Glenview, June 531-3306

FREE to good home, male lab puppy, very good temperament. Please call 482-5551.

ABANDONED, homeless, extremely adorable tiny cat seeks special home. Year old, neutered, all shots. 236-8293

SIAMESE and Himalayan - Siamese mix kittens (2) need loving home. 832-2154. Donation

208 Lost

LOST dog: July 15th, Joaquin Miller. Female, medium size, Border Collie, white/red markings (RED) 758-4176

RED shoebag with golf shoes, on curb/west-side Moraga, 1/2 from old firehouse. 531-6819

LARGE - medium hair, gray/white, neutered male cat. 1 1/2 years, lost in West Berkeley. 648-9631

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

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304 Musical Instruction

PIANO Lessons, Jazz, Blues, Classical, More. Experienced, Patient, All Ages, Summer Special Offer. Ariel 865-3943

PIANO: Wanted: enthusiastic students who love music and learning. All ages/abilities welcome. Teacher/teacher (former conservatory faculty), high-energy, individualized program. Judith Meites, 643-4541.

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING

Small, kinder, gentler, Emeryville office firm seeks person with accounting degree and Windows 95 experience. Familiarity with MS Access, Excel, Word a big plus. Tasks include: G/L, A/R, A/P, payroll, purchasing and close. You should want to add management responsibilities in future. You are bright, precise, have good people skills and loads of energy. Keyboard 50 wpm, 10-key a must. Very competitive salary, excellent benefits, casual atmosphere. Fax resume, salary history: 510-428-4004

ADMINISTRATIVE assistant small Real Estate investment management firm seeks full-time assistant. Property management, bookkeeping, office management. College Avenue, Oakland. Fax resume including salary history to: 510-420-8179 or mail to: P.O. Box 5705, Berkeley, CA 94705

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant: 20 hours/week position available with non-profit children's mental health agency. Requirements: highly organized, independent, detail-oriented, computer literate and motivated individual with experience in phone crisis work and counseling. Competitive salary, excellent vacation/benefits. A/EOE. Resume letter: PediatricCare, 303 Van Buren Ave., Oakland, CA 94610

ADMINISTRATOR - Program Director for day program working with D.D. adults. Experience required, excellent benefits. 832-7792

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, 40 hour week for disability rights public interest law center. Candidate provides high quality administrative support to parent project advocate. Coordinate and assist with a study of monitoring the implementation of the ADA with National Council on Disability. Act as backup to other staff personnel as required. 2-3 years previous secretarial/administrative experience in a busy, demanding environment. Excellent computer skills, team player and very flexible. Send resume and cover letter to: Administrative Assistant search, DREDF, 2212 Sixth St., Berkeley, CA 94710

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LIGHT Production/assembly of clocks for Berkeley manufacturer. Relaxed atmosphere. Clean environment. \$6.50/hour, part-time. Full-time position of interest to TW Inc., 1807 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley, 94710 (attention: AJ), or fax: 510-883-0414.

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MARKETING COORDINATOR- Part-time for Sales Representative in credit union in Alameda. Sales/marketing, customer service, and administrative duties required. Must have computer experience including Windows 95 and Microsoft Word. Knowledge of Securities and Insurance Industry Preferred. Benefits provided. Please mail or fax resume to: PLAN ALCA District office, 2200 Professional Drive, Suite 280, Roseville, CA 95661 Fax (916) 786-4845.

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MONTESSORI teachers for pre-primary, small school, Rockridge, full-time/ part-time. Great vacation plan. Fax resume: 510-652-7144.

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OFFICE Assistant. Berkeley manufacturer. Data entry, filing, phones and other general clerical. Reside in Berkeley. Must have computer experience. Letter/ resume to: TW Inc., 1807 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley, 94710 (Attention: Stef), or fax: 510-883-0414.

OFFICE Coordinator/ Receptionist for Berkeley based magazine. Experienced, organized, computer savvy, detail oriented, helpful person for 18 person company. Excellent benefits. Fax resume and salary requirements to: Yoga Journal (510)644-3101.

OFFICE HELP. Real estate office assistant, part-time/ permanent, \$6.50 per hour. 1-800-588-8859 ext. 309.

OFFICE Manager in small, Montclair home business, basic bookkeeping a must. Mac and Quickbook knowledge helpful. \$12/hour to start, 20-30 hours/week. Allison 339-9999, fax 339-0991.

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PART-TIME order taker for Alameda Bicycle mail-order company. \$6/hour. Some computer experience a plus. Call morning only, 769-0980.

PART-TIME Server, dishwasher and bus person, part-time or full-time chef. Apply: Aroma Fine Dining, 2337 Blending Ave., Alameda, Near Park Street Bridge 337-0333.

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Wolberg/ Michaelson Personal Service

PERMANENT, half-time office assistant sought by small nonprofit 2 person office in north Oakland Monday-Friday mornings. Must have excellent computer (IBM) and reception skills and recent office experience. Salary \$12-15/hour, depending on experience, paid vacation. Mail resume to: PCD/UA, 6536 Telegraph Ave. #C-102, Oakland, California 94609, Fax: (510)601-1439 or E-Mail UAPCD at AOL.COM by August 4th.

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SUPPORT Personnel for rent oriented dental office. No experience necessary. Willing to train an individual with a positive attitude, enthusiastic, hard working and team player. Call Terry at (510)845-1920.

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FREE first month's rent: Large remodeled 1 bedroom, new kitchen/bath \$540. Near Highland Hospital and Highway 1580. 261-3487.

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\$695 TWO bedroom, with hardwood floors, formal: dining room, security building, utilities included. 522-6600.

\$795 CHARMING 2 bedroom, near Mills: fireplace, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, laundry, garage. 376-5551.

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\$795 LAKE, 605 Hillsborough, sunny upper JHS: in fourplex, garage, yard, quiet, hardwood floors. 451-4458.

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Live in comfort and safety in this quiet, secure condominium building in Adams Point, 2 bedrooms, large deck, drapes, dishwasher, off-street parking, laundry. 548-4159; 547-0685.

\$965 LARGE 2 bedroom flat, upper Rockridge: dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, garage, garden, 12x20 patio deck. Free cable water. No pet. 601-6529.

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\$1300 SPACIOUS penthouse, private, 2 bed- room, 2 bath, fireplace, carpeted, laundry, views, decks, parking. Quality building near Piedmont. 888 Vermont. Available August 30th. Manager 469-3648.

\$1400 ROCKRIDGE 2+ bedroom flat, own: laundry hook-up, wood wainscoting, hardwood floors, garden, refurnished. 644-5441.

3+ BED. APT. RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1025 LAUREL District 3644 Magee: Very large, 2 bedrooms, flat in triplex. Patio, deck, laundry, garage. 547-3681.

\$1100 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, upper unit, China Hill: duplex. Master suite, huge kitchen with deck. Fireplace in dining room. 364 Lester, WMC 693-9380.

\$1450 GLENVIEW, 1 1/2 baths, new carpets: appliances. 1500 sq. ft. Open Saturday/Sunday. 12. 4301 Park Blvd. Convenient. 530-5799.

COTTAGES FOR RENT

737 Berkeley
\$875 PARTIALLY furnished. Two acre lot, fireplace, deck, view, creek, pets? Robie. #16722-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

741 Oakland & Piedmont

\$595 SUNNY bright 1 bedroom with hardwood: floors, 3533 Laguna Ave. \$750 deposit. Rita. 531-4790.

HOMES FOR RENT

745 Alameda
\$5000 FABULOUS 1905 vintage Gold Coast home. 4+ bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen with family room. Large garage. McGuire 415-296-1030 ext. 14.

750 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito: two, three, four bedroom cottages, flats, and houses. Berkeley Connection. 845-7821.

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751 Berkeley

\$1650 CLAREMONT Area, 2 bedroom, 1 bath: garage, yard, alarm, non-smoking. No pets. 415-433-2727. 510-547-6456.

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\$1250 THREE bedroom lower flat: Carpet, patio, coin laundry, parking. Fulton/Deerby. #45361-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

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Berkeley

\$2100 HILLS four bedroom, three bath, 1 block: UC Bay View. Arch. #43356-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

756 El Cerrito & North

\$775 RICHMOND N.E. approx. 2 bedroom, Clinton: Ave. Not Section 8 approved. No dogs \$900 deposit. Yard, garage, washer. 526-8428.

\$1275 EL CERRITO, 2 bedroom, 2 baths home: Large family room, garage, deck. 236-9912.

759 Oakland & Piedmont**760 1 BED. HOME RENTALS**
Oakland & Piedmont

\$865 COZY cottage in wooded quiet area: Available now 834-9810. Monday/Friday 9-5.

\$1055 MONTCLAIR, cozy 1 bedroom, den, bay: views galore, garage, decks, laundry, cat okay. 415-726-2628.

761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$875 NORTH Oakland Remodeled, new carpet: paint, formal dining, inside laundry. 681 Alleen St. 763-8872.

\$1400 ROCKRIDGE, bright, private, quiet town- house, new bathroom, wood ceilings, fireplace, skylights, dishwasher, deck, rock garden, parking, washer/dryer. 655-6379.

\$1500 MONTCLAIR, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 bridge: view, dining room, large kitchen, yard, laundry, utilities included. 339-2131, leave message.

762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1200 NEW carpet, linoleum, blinds, garage: backyard, off of Seminary. 447-6302, Teri.

\$9000 MOVES YOU IN

Rockridge, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condominium: Lease with purchase option. \$1450 rent, with \$400 monthly credit toward down payment. 338-0006.

\$1600 MONTCLAIR, easy freeway access: Garage, large extra room, large deck. CFS/SELECT. 339-1642.

\$1650 ROCKRIDGE 3 bedroom, two bath: Dining, hardwoods, yard, garage. Claremont/Colby. #43263-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$1650 UPPER Glenview, spacious flat, view: 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, kitchen, deck, garage. Water, garage. 530-5517.

\$1700 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, and extra: room on Rockridge. Pet negotiable. 2 year lease. Dorie (agent), 763-9901.

\$1750 PIEDMONT Duplex: Upper level, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Formal living and dining room. Move in August 20th. 653-9186.

\$1800 PIEDMONT 3 bedroom 2 bath, formal liv- ing and dining room. Large kitchen, big yard, pets okay. Available August 15. 653-8644.

\$1800 REDWOOD Heights 3 level, 7 room: house, garage, fireplace, deck, view, yard. 287-9996.

\$2295 MONTCLAIR Large contemporary, bright: 3 bedroom, 3 bath, rampus, fireplace, spa, deck, 3 car garage. Shown August 1st. (510) 263-9674.

\$2900 PIEDMONT Victorian, spectacular private: gardens, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage, 2 year lease. 652-2265.

763 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1875 REDWOOD Heights, Views SF Bay: 4 bedroom, 3 baths, den, large family room, fireplace, deck. Available August 16. 531-2218.

\$2400 IDYLIC Ridgeway 4 bedroom, 3 bath: Fireplace, kitchen, family room with breakfast counter, greenhouse window, master suite. French doors to private deck, sunken living room, Palladian windows facing garden, sweeping canyon views. 3 car garage. Day (415) 982-8724. Evenings (510) 531-0535.

\$2400 REDWOOD Heights VERY SPACIOUS!!! 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, yard, views, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, fireplace, patio. Open July 26th and July 27th, 1 - 3. 510-530-2559.

\$2500 GLENVIEW, close to shopping, buses, Hwy 580/13. 4+ bedrooms, 2 bath, craftsman style private single home. Master suite with gas fireplace, French doors, 2 balconies, walk-in closet. Custom tile bath with jacuzzi, skylight, formal dining room, basement with storage. Rear cottage, electric only. Appliance included. Garage or shop. Lease required. Available soon. 530-1187.

\$2500 PIEDMONT Side Montclair, Walk to vil- lage, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwoods, fireplace, view, high ceilings, spa, laundry, garage. 655-0488.

\$3500 SPANISH manse on the Piedmont side of: Montclair. 5+ bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, separate formal dining room, bonus room or large office. Walk to shopping. Convenient to SF and all freeways. Phillips/Olofson/Tibbitts/Gant "The Rental Specialist" 800-900-3855.

\$4000 EXTRAORDINARY home, 4 bedrooms, 3000+ square feet, panoramic view, immediate occupancy. Applications now being accepted. Leasing agent, Tabolfo and Company. (510) 839-7162.

SHARE RENTALS

771 Alameda
\$475 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, lovely home/HBI, washer/dryer, fireplaces, non-smoking, no pets. 521-7057.

774 El Cerrito & North
\$325 RICHMOND Annex. Clean, quiet, laundry, workout equipment. Close to I-80, BART, shops. 526-2136.

\$600 VERY special, Bay view, washer, dryer, private: bath, fireplace, non-smoking, clean and compatible. 526-0511.

777 Oakland & Piedmont

\$350 EACH. Two rooms: August 15. Non-smoker. Spacious, view, hardwoods. Near Grand Avenue. Ken 638-4140.

\$450, 5550-THREE rooms in shared Montclair: Hills home, available early August and September. Safe, near tennis, hiking trails, Village. Bay view, fireplace, hot tub, deck. Share congeniality, serenity, common spaces, washer/dryer, chores, communication, utilities. Fred 339-6781.

\$450 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 1 bath flat, fire- place/deck, with 41 year old lesbian. No smoking/pets. August 15. 763-3732.

\$500 WOODEDYS vegetarian Skyline house: to share with woman, two cats. Shared utilities. 530-4654.

777 Oakland & Piedmont

\$550 ROCKRIDGE share house near BART, shopping, hardwood floors, fireplace, garage. Non-smoking, no pets. 565-0317.

\$550 ROCKRIDGE Share beautiful, quiet house: with couple, Yard, fireplace, laundry. Non-smoking, no pets. 547-2465.

\$550 TERRIFIC Oakland house: Two stories, 1 large bedroom plus small study available. Yard, laundry, fireplace, hardwood floors. Easy parking. 5 minutes to I-880, I-580, 13 Plus utilities. Corrie 618-3431.

\$575 CUTE ROCKRIDGE, sunny, house: Share with female non-smoker, cat. Laundry, yard, fireplace. Min 955-9090.

\$600 ROOM with bath in private home, share: kitchen. Off-street parking. Includes some utilities. Non-smoking, no pets. 339-3920, messages.

\$620 MONTCLAIR Lake, 2 bedroom, 2 bath: house, sunny, quiet cul-de-sac. Storage, yard, washer/dryer. Dog okay. 339-0347, pager 539-0303.

\$700 MONTCLAIR, large with additional office: space, large beautiful home, convenient location, close-Village. 339-7818.

\$700 TWO adjoining rooms in large 2 story Rock- ridge home. Laundry, garden, separate entrance, share bathrooms and kitchen with half-time mom. Non-smoking, no pets. 658-2353.

\$900 MONTCLAIR 1 bedroom in 3 bedroom: home. Share with one other professional woman. 1/2 mile to Village, yard, beautiful interior touches. 209-579-4687.

COMMERCIAL RENTALS**781 Alameda**

ALAMEDA CITY OF
Update Retailers Wanted for a historic part of Webster Street. 6,000 sq. ft. In 1,500 sq. ft. units. Agent Mike Gregory 510-665-8075.

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82 to 230 square feet: Month to month. Available now 523-5528.

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782 Berkeley & North

OFFICE space, 350-766 sq. ft., Solano Avenue: North Berkeley prime location. Full service building. Picture windows, air conditioning, off-street parking. Remodeled to suit. 528-0880.

\$275 CLAREMONT near College and Ashby: Approximately 250 sq. ft. in charming building. 841-9434.

LARGE windowed, carpeted basement office: in Victorian. Excellent for psychotherapist, other health professional, or business. Private entrance, bathroom. Accessible. \$500. 465-9602.

PSYCHOTHERAPY office available in 12- suite Julia Morgan building. Sunny, new carpets/paint. Approximately 120 sq. feet. \$425/month. Includes utilities. 3120 Telegraph, Berkeley. 548-7840.

\$1150 BERKELEY, Blake Street at Shattuck: elegant, nice office, 1200 sq. ft., parking. 841-0654.

OFFICE Assistant, full-time temp for Property: Management Company, phones and light

Public Notices

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3777
 The Name of the Business:
 Hype Productions, 2550 Oak Road, Suite 100, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
 is registered by the following owner:
 Anthony Robinson, 2550 Oak Road, Suite 100, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
 The business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 19, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 19, 1997.
 The Journal July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3778
 The Name of the Business:
 Hype Productions, 130 Newbury St., Hercules, CA 94547
 is registered by the following owner:
 David T. Vole, 130 Newbury St., Hercules, CA 94547

The business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 20, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 20, 1997.
 The Journal July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3839
 The Name of the Business:
 Hype Productions, 2550 Oak Road, Suite B, Merced, CA 95353
 is registered by the following owner:
 David T. Vole, 130 Newbury St., Hercules, CA 94547

The business is conducted by a Corporation.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 20, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 20, 1997.
 The Journal July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 1997.

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW
 (JUDICIAL DERECHO - DE FAMILIA)
 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
 (Aviso al Demandado)
 CARL D. LEBLANC,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JANE LEBLANC,
 Defendant.

YOU ARE BEING SUED:
 (A usted le estan demandando)
 Plaintiff's name is:
 (El Nombre del demandante es):
 JANE LEBLANC

Case Number:
 (Número del Caso)
 D97-01539
 There are 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a response on form 122B at the court and serve a copy on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not satisfy you.

You must make your response on time, the court will not make orders affecting your marriage, your custody and custody of your children. You may need to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, ask a lawyer immediately.

Within 30 DIAS CALENDARIOS despues de haber sido notificado con esta citacion judicial y peticion, usted debe presentar su formulario de respuesta (Resposta form 122B) ante el juez y darle una llamada telefonica no la ofrera al demandante.

Usted no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte no podra emitir ordenes que afecten su matrimonio, su propiedad y que ordenen que usted mantenga, honorarios de abogado y las costas. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al actuario de la corte un formulario de exoneracion de las costas (Waiver of Court Fees and Costs). Si desea obtener consejo legal, comuniquese de inmediato con un abogado.

Name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es)
 Contra Costa County, 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553.

Name, address, and telephone number of your attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero telefonico del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es)
 Carl D. LeBlanc, 204 Pacific Ave., Rodeo, CA 94572

(Fechal)
 July 27, 1997
 (Aclarar), por M. Cousia, Deputy Clerk, NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:
 You are served as an individual.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 24, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3927
 The Name of the Business:
 Design & Marketing, 3736 Mt. Diablo Road, Suite 215, Lafayette, CA 94549
 is registered by the following owners:
 Maria Menasero Mast, 1619-B Carmel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
 and
 William Mast, 1619-B Carmel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

This business is conducted by individuals.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 27, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 27, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3928
 The Name of the Business:
 Design & Marketing, 3736 Mt. Diablo Road, Suite 215, Lafayette, CA 94549
 is registered by the following owner:
 Margaret L. Johnson, 2212 Champagne Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94593

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 28, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 28, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3929
 The Name of the Business:
 Design & Marketing, 3736 Mt. Diablo Road, Suite 215, Lafayette, CA 94549
 is registered by the following owner:
 Margaret L. Johnson, 2212 Champagne Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94593

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 30, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-4152
 The Name of the Business:
 Design & Marketing, 3736 Mt. Diablo Road, Suite 215, Lafayette, CA 94549
 is registered by the following owners:
 Maria Menasero Mast, 1619-B Carmel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
 and
 William Mast, 1619-B Carmel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

This business is conducted by individuals.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 30, 1997.

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 and
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This business is conducted by individuals.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 30, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-4076
 The Name of the Business:
 Design & Marketing, 3736 Mt. Diablo Road, Suite 215, Lafayette, CA 94549
 is registered by the following owner:
 Margaret L. Johnson, 2212 Champagne Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94593

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 30, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

Public Notices

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-4170
 The Name of the Business:
 Kenwood Partners, 23 Altamira Rd., Suite 215, Orinda, CA 94563
 is registered by the following owners:
 Tracey D. Cooper, 339 Blackfield Dr., Tiburon, CA 94920
 Pamela Pence Helmich, 224 The Knoll, Orinda, CA 94563
 Steve J. Hubbard, 200 Lawndale Rd., Kenwood, CA

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 9, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 9, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 Ccl. No. 9634
 C260498
 On August 14, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., of said day outside the main entrance to the public library located at #2 Irvine Way, in the City of Orinda, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, California Trust Deeds, Inc., as duly appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California and described as follows:
 Common Address: 3035 Colette Dr., Richmond, CA
 A.P.N.: 414-222-001

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by ANTHONY W. CROSBY, as debtor, dated Feb. 27, 1996 and recorded Mar. 1, 1996 as Document No. 96-37379 in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder.

The amount owing on the subject obligation is: Principal \$24,736.32; Interest \$1,765.40; Late Charges \$14.00 Advances \$10,167.89; Attorney's Fees \$-0-; Costs \$1,007.93; Prepayment Penalty \$66.62; Int. on Advances \$222.30; Other \$3.00.

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1996, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Dated: July 17, 1997
 CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC.
 12512th Street, Suite 300
 Oakland, CA 94607-4912
 (510) 444-3200

Signed: Herb Leibowitz
 Vice-President
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3843
 The Name of the Business:
 The Wine Sellers, 411 Hartz Ave., Danville, CA 94506
 is registered by the following owner:
 Agnes S. Nelson, 4454 Deer Ridge Rd., Danville, CA 94506

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 6, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 24, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3872
 The Name of the Business:
 Delta Exteriors, 3904 Cloverbrook Ave., Oakley, CA 94561
 is registered by the following owner:
 Michael J. Morik, 3904 Cloverbrook Ave., Oakley, CA 94561

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 24, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 24, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3872
 The Name of the Business:
 Delta Exteriors, 3904 Cloverbrook Ave., Oakley, CA 94561
 is registered by the following owner:
 Michael J. Morik, 3904 Cloverbrook Ave., Oakley, CA 94561

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 24, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 24, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3886
 The Name of the Business:
 A. Girard Design, 2324 Erie Drive, Concord, CA 94519
 is registered by the following owner:
 A. Girard Design, 2324 Erie Drive, Concord, CA 94519

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 25, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 25, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-3982
 The Name of the Business:
 Phoenix Heating and Air Conditioning, 222 Lassen St., Richmond, CA 94805
 is registered by the following owner:
 William Paul Akers, 222 Lassen St., Richmond, CA 94805

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 30, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-4180
 The Name of the Business:
 African Ways Publishing, 33 Hansen Ct., Moraga, CA 94556
 is registered by the following owner:
 Lynn Dalton Castro, 33 Hansen Ct., Moraga, CA 94556

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 10, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 10, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-4337
 The Name of the Business:
 Nature Cure Company, 176 Los Altos Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-3141
 is registered by the following owner:
 N.C. Agency (USA), Inc., California

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 17, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 17, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 97-4413
 The Name of the Business:
 K-J Photography, 110 Berry Dr., #24, Pacheco, CA 94553
 is registered by the following owner:
 Stephen Michael O'Connell, 110 Berry Dr., #24, Pacheco, CA 94553

This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 21, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 21, 1997.
 The Journal July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 1997.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 C260498
 TTD No. 21744-07
 Loan No. 615319

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/1/91 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU

SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER
 On 8/20/97 at 9:45 A.M. THE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded 3/1/91 as Instrument No. 91-43035, in book 16447, Page 440 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, State of California, executed by: JOHN DAVID MILLER, A SINGLE MAN,
 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CITY HALL, 1666 N. MAIN STREET, WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: APN#425-342-033
 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 52 OVERLOOK LANE RICHMOND, CA 94803

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining balance of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.

The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$137,763.84
 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a Written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

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Berkeley should stay in its own league until it wins

■ **Jackets may not be ready for De LaSalle or a 'super conference'**

By Scott Strain

Is it time to talk football yet? The Raiders start this week against Dallas and the 49ers play San Diego, so probably it's OK. But perhaps it is time to talk about this high school "super conference" business which may involve Berkeley and De La Salle, among other schools.

Plans, since delayed, were to lump the Yellowjackets with such big-program schools as James Logan, Antioch, De La Salle and Amador Valley in one league.

This all came about because hardly any school around here wants to play powerhouse De La Salle, which hasn't lost a game in what seems forever. In fact, officials at a couple of schools in the Spartans' own

league, Clayton Valley and Ygnacio Valley, had at one point, threatened to forfeit their games against DLS, citing player safety

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factors.

There is one word for these schools: Quityerbitchin'. If you can't stand the competition, get the hell of the league or, better yet, drop football. This type of idea sends a great message to students in that if you can't compete, run.

DLS can recruit

These schools cite the fact that DLS, as a private school, can "recruit" from all over the place whereas public high schools must play with the students that are dealt them.

So what? It takes a committed staff, committed players and an attitude to win. The hard knocks

will be there, but at least the attempts to compete will be made.

Which brings us to Berkeley High. Football coach and athletic director Joe Martin's avowed goal is to bring a state championship to the only public high school in Berkeley and that quest goes

'I think the timing is wrong for Berkeley because ... I don't think they are ready yet.'

— JOSEPH GRAY, CLASS OF '97

through De La Salle. He wants the Spartans, feels he needs the Spartans, so that Berkeley can be proud again.

We urge caution here. The Jackets need to rebuild their



Berkeley's football team piles on De LaSalle in game two seasons ago. It may still be the only way the Yellowjackets stand a chance of beating the Spartans if BHS is included in a 'super league' with DLS.

traditions and their winning ways and to churn out the type of student-athletes for which Berkeley High was once known. A long time ago, Berkeley was king.

Jackets should stay in EBAL

The best thing Martin and Berkeley can do is stay in the East Bay Athletic League along with the Foothills and Amador Valleys

and build its program. Get a few more 10-1, 9-2, 8-3 seasons under their collective belts before climbing into the

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Jackets' Barnes the difference for Alameda stars

Local prep all-stars beat Contra Costa in East Bay football classic

By Scott Strain

PLEASANTHILL—If it wasn't for Berkeley High's James Barnes III, Alameda would not have won the 32nd All-Star Classic football

'We tried that play once before ... When we put a taller QB in, he was able to see me and throw the ball.'

— JAMES BARNES III, ON CATCHING WINNING TD

game against Contra Costa last Saturday night at Diablo Valley College.

Barnes caught a 13-yard touch-

down pass from quarterback Mike Adams of Piedmont High with 1:47 left in the game to give Alameda a surprising 8-6 victory over the favored Contra Costans.

As for Contra Costa, wide receiver Lamont Thompson of El Cerrito High, threw a 68-yard option pass to Ronald Spears (Pittsburg) with six minutes left in the second quarter to give CCC a 6-0 lead. Running back Antoine Lacy and linebacker Donny Davis, both also from El Cerrito, also had a good game.

Barnes the difference

But it was Barnes who made the difference. So did Adams. Alameda coach Amin Denny had been using 5-foot-10 quarterback Zamir Amin (Kennedy-Fremont) in the last drive, but inserted Adams, who is 6-2, for the final plays near the goal line. The four-inch difference in height between Amin and Adams made all the difference in the world to Barnes.

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Berkeley High's James Barnes III, who caught the winning touchdown as Alameda beat Contra Costa in the East Bay Football Classic at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill last Saturday.

"We had tried that play once before in the game, but the ball was knocked down," Barnes said. "When we got down near the goal

line, we put a taller quarterback (Adams) in and he was able to see me and throw the ball. I snuck in behind the safety and caught it."

Up until that moment, Thompson's TD throw was the only touchdown in the game. He took a handoff from quarterback Ken

Kearns (Alhambra) and ran to the left. Spears was running, wide open at the Alameda 20. It was a simple

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EC Mustangs really did take it 1 game at a time

By John Gardella

As a cliché it's trite and vacuous. But the benefits of taking one game at a time, especially for one young — very young — group of baseball players, were astounding.

The team was the El Cerrito Mustangs all-stars, a group of the best 10-year-old players from the city's Babe Ruth Baseball League.

Despite dropping the first game in both double-elimination tournaments in which they participated, the Mustangs had quite a run in postseason play, winning the sectional, and finishing with an impressive 9-3 mark.

After winning the sectional July 17 as hosts of the El Cerrito Tournament, the all-stars enjoyed their only off-day and resumed play on July 19, playing San Jose in the first game of the regional, losing 11-9. But as they did in the EC Tournament a week earlier, the resilient team from El Cerrito bounced back.

EC in final three

EC beat host Santa Clara, Terra Hills, then avenged their first-round loss, beating San Jose, 6-4. That win put EC in the final three of

the loser's bracket.

Their postseason came to an end with a 14-12 loss to Orangevale in the semifinal of the loser's bracket at the Santa Clara Tournament.

Along the way, the EC Stars earned the respect and admiration of the coaching staff.

"The kids just really came together," said coach Marc Toma, who coached his first all-star team after three years of managing in EC's Babe Ruth League. "They played better every game. I think they are much more focused than other 10-year-olds. They were just playing baseball. It's an old cliché, but they were just taking one game at a time."

The team's postseason started inauspiciously. Host EC dropped its first game in the sectional, losing to Richmond, 11-10, in extra innings. One more loss and the team's postseason would be short-lived. But for 10-year-old players, regardless of their level of play, the sting of a loss doesn't last very long, and from then on, the team "just started winning."

Championship round

Playing seven straight days didn't

seem to take its toll. With no room for error, the EC all-stars started their run beating Terra Hills. From there they beat San Pablo, Orinda and Moraga, pitting them against Richmond in the championship round.

"We hit well and fielded well," said Toma, "but the pitching ... we averaged two or fewer walks in the last six games."

EC avenged its lone loss, handing Richmond its first tournament loss, 11-0. The EC team advanced to Santa Clara the following day, with a dominating, 7-1 win over Richmond.

Although the season ended a week later, Toma said the team's run was very satisfying.

"They were confident, they played loose and they had a good time," he said. The roster included: David Ball, Ryan Boursse, Chris Braxton, Peter Collister, Seth Fisher, Nick Garcia, Jeff Gilliland, Chris Hopkins, Nolan Kelly and David Lock.

Also, Darryl Mishima, Miquel Sanchez, Walker Toma, Spenser Winton and Noah Ingram. The coaching staff consisted of Toma, Allan Collister and Jim Gilliland.

El Cerrito Broncos ousted from Pony League tourney

The El Cerrito Broncos finished with a split in the four games of the Richmond Pony League Section Tournament held at Nicholl Park in Richmond last week. The tournament loss, which the El Cerrito team needed to win, eliminated the Broncos from the playoffs.

Rodeo eliminated the Bombers with an 8-5 victory. EC never led and was held to just four hits. Greg Morales, Scott Lyon, Ryan De La Rosa and Ethan Friedman had the hits. Morales and De La Rosa each had an RBI.

The Broncos began fabulously in the tournament, as three pitchers combined to no-hit San Pablo, 3-0. Tyler Nation and Will Cherrin each pitched three innings of no-hit ball, and Randy Minix came on in the seventh to finish. Only five San Pablo batters reached base on two errors, a hit batsman, a walk, and a fielder's choice.

Third baseman Lyon came through with the big hit for El Cerrito, a two-run single in the second inning that broke up a 0-0 game.

The other EC run was unearned. De La Rosa led the offense with two hits, including a double.

In the second game, the Broncos pounded out 12 hits in an 11-2 romp over Pleasant Hill. EC scored nine

The Broncos began fabulously in the tournament as three pitchers combined to no-hit San Pablo, 3-0.

runs on seven hits in the top of the sixth inning that broke a 2-2 tie. Minix drove in two runs in the inning with a single and De La Rosa had another RBI.

De La Rosa, Cherrin, and Nation had two singles apiece in the game, which was called after four innings due to the Pony League's eight-run "slaughter" rule.

In the semifinals of this double-elimination tournament, EC ran into

West Diablo Valley, the same team it had defeated, 12-11, to win the championship of the Fremont Fourth of July Tournament. But this time the Bombers lost, 3-1.

An error in the second inning allowed two runs to score for West Diablo. But EC came back to score one in the third. Morales singled, went to second on a groundout, advanced to third on a wild pitch and came home on a passed ball.

The Broncos lost a chance to tie the score in the sixth. Minix led off with a double, and stole third but was gunned down at the plate when the West Diablo third baseman threw home on a fielder's choice.

EC had only four hits in the game. Morales had two singles and Minix and De La Rosa had doubles.

With the Pony League season officially over, the Broncos are currently playing in the San Anselmo Invitational, which ends Aug. 3.

—Scott Strain

Matsumoto wins U.S. judo title

Sayaka Matsumoto, a student at the Easy Bay Judo Institute in El Cerrito, became the national champion in the girls' 13/14-year-old, 105-pound and below division at the recent United States Judo Federation Junior, Youth and Team National Championships in Chicago.

With more than 600 contestants, including athletes from Canada and Puerto Rico, this was the largest junior national tournament conducted this year.

In the championship match, Matsumoto faced a tough opponent from Canada, falling behind early by a half-point, but coming from behind to win a close match by decision. In her first-round match, Matsumoto won by a full point — Ippon — using an inside leg throw known as Ouchi Gari, against a rival from Canada. In her second match, she held down her opponent who was representing Puerto Rico, with a pinning technique for full point.

Matsumoto is the daughter of Dr. David Matsumoto, head instructor of the EBJI, and director of development for United States Judo Inc.

Berkeley

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ring with the big boys on a permanent basis.

It's commendable that Martin wants to play DLS. But is it ready to play the Spartans in league play every season? Berkeley should be on De La Salle like fleas on a dog, but only in practice games. They shouldn't have league importance.

Graduating seniors Joseph Gray and Zoltan Kent, two Berkeley players who played well in the All-Star Classic last week in Pleasant Hill, were dead set against Berkeley joining a super conference with the likes of De La Salle.

"I think they ought to have a super league, but I think the timing is wrong for Berkeley because it will be a challenge and I don't think they (Berkeley) are ready yet," Gray said.

'Berkeley not ready'

"Berkeley High is really not ready because I think the talent level is dropping lower and lower," Kent said. "I think they should stay in the EBAL. It's (the EBAL) not going to be easy for them to win, but it fits the team better that we have coming up. I don't even know why they would include Berkeley High in that (super conference)."

The North Coast Section board

of managers wants to include Berkeley in the proposed super conference because the school is large and the football program has been relatively successful.

But the view from here is that the Jackets need more seasoning, more success. The sobering fact is that they still haven't won anything yet.

What about "poor" De la Salle? How do you end its football dominance? That is a seemingly easy concept. Build another Catholic high school in eastern Contra Costa County. There is not one other Catholic school in the corridor that runs between Salisian in Richmond and St. Mary's in Stockton. Build another school, and some of the talent that goes DLS' way, in time, may be diverted.

Closing schools

But that's not likely to happen. The Catholic Dioceses are thinking about closing schools, not building new ones.

The other solution is to reorganize the old Catholic Athletic League. Put DLS back with St. Joseph, Bishop O'Dowd, and St. Elizabeth.

This realignment mess started years ago when the CAL broke apart. Put it back together and make it like the West Catholic Athletic League in San Francisco. DLS would still probably dominate football in the CAL, but at least the public schools would quit whining. That would be a



Berkeley's Zoltan Kent, who graduated last month: 'I think they (the Yellowjackets) should stay in the EBAL. It's not going to be easy for them to win, but it fits the team better that we have coming up.'

start. One other thing vis-a-vis Berkeley and De La Salle. The

two teams met in an NCS playoff game last season and it was 50-0, DLS.

"We held them for a full quarter," Martin said. Berkeley isn't ready. Not yet.

Barnes

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task to connect with Spears, who ran untouched into the Alameda end zone.

"We had practiced that play and I knew I would be able to throw the ball," Thompson said. "When the defensive back came up, I knew that if he (Spears) could catch the ball, it would be a touchdown."

Lacy sticks Alameda

Lacy was a thorn in the side of the Alameda defense. Used sparingly, Lacy, a 6-1 all-leaguer (Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League), carried five times for 25 yards. His last carry resulted in a three-yard loss and a fumble.

Davis, a 6-2 linebacker, recovered an Alameda fumble in the first quarter and had two tackles behind the line of

scrimmage.

Offensive lineman Doug Sims of Albany had a good game for the Alameda team, which was chronically short of offensive linemen. Sims, though, was ejected with 6:40 left in the game, for fighting.

The victory was only Alameda's ninth in the series, which started in 1966. Contra Costa has won 18 games, and there have been four ties.

The game benefits the United Cerebral Palsy of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. UCP executive director Karen Glatze estimated that between \$10,000-\$15,000 was raised. Attendance was approximately 3,000 at Viking Stadium.

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Out of Gas...



by Karen Senzig

The year was 1976. We were traveling through Europe in our Ford Transit Van which was nicknamed "Bertha". She was a bright red illegally converted home on wheels. We had entered Greece the day after the American Presidential election. We crossed into Greece to cheers of "Jimmy Carter! Jimmy Carter! That was the beginning of an incredible adventure.

Through the upper peninsula of Greece we visited Mount Olympus, Meteora (the place of the high monasteries), Delphi (where the Oracles spoke) and Athens (where culture began). We spent time on the coast of

the Aegean Sea, where we found time to park illegally on an American Army base, unfortunately where they practiced canon target shooting at 6:00 A.M. And then there was the time that we camped under the temple to Poseidon, (the God that Greeks worshiped who protected and controlled the seas) and spent two weeks washing dishes in salt water and swimming for our baths. Well, that was the upper peninsula of Greece. It was the lower peninsula or the Peloponise that taught us the lessons of driving that we will never forget.

"our shepherd friend convinced us that not only did we have an inferior bottle of Retsina but that we must go home with him to taste his own personal vintage, made in an old bathtub outside his home."

Bertha had accomplished amazing things on our trip so far. She had conquered the mountains of Norway and Switzerland and survived problems with the U-Joint and the brakes. There was a minor problem with the motor mounts that wasn't solved until Spain, but that's another story. It was somewhere on our way to Sparta, the legendary enemy of Athens that we learned of Bertha's real weaknesses.

We had this book that listed every campground in Europe. (Sometimes I think we found every campground in Europe, but a day late and a dollar short). We headed for this campground that sounded amazing. It was suppose to be on the beach with all the amenities that we not only anticipated but actually expected from a European campground.

We arrived at our destination only to find that this campground was a seasonal type place and that there was no room at the inn - especially since they were not open. Of course, we didn't learn that until we drove all the way, only to discover that the campground was closed during the Fall/Winter season.

Did I mention that there

had been torrential rains as we entered heaven? As we went through the discovery period the mud got deeper. Bertha, without the advantages of 4-wheel drive (although she made a valiant attempt) coursed her way to the campground and got firmly stuck into the mud.

There was a shepherd (really, on a bicycle at that), tending a flock of 20 or 25 sheep) who came to our aid. First, he told us that we must go to his village. (Mind you, he spoke only Greek and the term - "it's Greek to me" took on a whole new meaning.) Once we kind of understood what he was trying to tell us we agreed and offered him a swig of our "Retsina" (a Greek wine that kind of tastes like pine sap if you're not prepared for it.) He was appalled, and through gestures-waving and personal drawings, our shepherd friend convinced us that not only did we have an inferior bottle of Retsina but that we must go home with him to taste his own personal vintage, made in an old bathtub outside his home.

I'm afraid that I cannot remember the name-of his village. This was the man who helped us push Bertha

out of the mud and back on the road. He left his bicycle and his sheep to take us back to his family and his village. When we arrived we were instant celebrities. Communication was a bit of a problem, but hey! There we were and suddenly a ten year old, the shepherd's daughter, was translating for all of us. She described how she and her brothers had fished for the fish head soup and how they gathered the tomatoes for the delightful salad that they served. The local school teacher was called not only because he spoke English (and could let everyone in on the conversation), but because there seemed to be real interest in these American Aliens. It was a fascinating, intense and wonderful experience.

When it was time to go to bed the shepherd and his family directed us to the local beach which included a "well" that dated back to B.C. times. Fresh water was available and we were on the beach! There were even writings on the site that made us crazy because it made us feel like we were there when the site was

dedicated. What a difference from camping beneath Poseidon's temple.

We spent the night and the morning everyone appeared. Somewhere in the twilight zone we decided it was time to go on to the next site. We wanted to go on to the next site and continue our adventure but we also wanted to say goodbye to who showed us what true hospitality was about. When we went to their place they were gone. I imagine the shepherd was back with his flock, the children in school with the school teacher in charge. It was time to go on and time to reflect on lessons of the day.

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